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NOTES ON THE ANCESTRY OF REINOLD AND MATTHEW MARVIN

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The two wills of which abstracts are given below are those of Thomas Merveyn (or Mervyn), of Ramsey, co. Essex, England, who died in 1503; and of his son, John Mervyn, of Ramsey, co. Essex, yeoman, who died in 1533. These men were respectively the great-great-grandfather and the great-grandfather of the brothers Reinold (Reignold, Reynold, Renald) and Matthew Marvin (or Mervyn), who settled in Connecticut in the fourth decade of the seventeenth century.

Two good books have already been written about the Marvins of Connecticut and their ancestors.¹ These are *The English Ancestry of Reinold and Matthew Marvin*, by William T. R. Marvin (Boston, 1900), and *Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin* by George Franklin Marvin and William T. R. Marvin (Boston, 1904). These books will be referred to in the present article as *English Ancestry* and *Descendants*, respectively. The author of the *English Ancestry* did an enormous amount of careful and painstaking research in England, and he established with great clarity several generations of the ancestors of the immigrant brothers, Reinold and Matthew Marvin. But Mr. W. T. R. Marvin was not so fortunate as to discover the two following wills. Had he done so, his conclusions about the earlier generations of the immigrants' ancestors would necessarily have been altered. Mr. Marvin believed that the immigrants were

¹ Sir W. R. Drake, *Fasciculus Mervinensis: Notes Historical, etc., of the Family of Mervyn* (London, 1873) contains no references at all to the Mervyn families of Essex and Suffolk. In fact, none of the Marvin or Mervyn references in George W. Marshall, *The Genealogist's Guide* (4th. ed., Guildford, 1903) pertain to the Suffolk and Essex families.

descended from a certain Roger Mervyn, of St. Stephen's parish, Ipswich, co. Suffolk, who died in 1475, through his son John Mervyn, who is supposed to have removed from Ipswich to Harwich or Ramsey, co. Essex.² There appears to be no proof of any connection between the Mervyn family of Ipswich, and the family of the same name which resided at Harwich, Ramsey, and other places in the northeastern part of the county of Essex. Such a connection may, of course, have existed, but it is unproved. Mr. Marvin's theory, as set forth in the *English Ancestry*, was that the line of descent from Roger Mervyn of Ipswich to the New England settlers went as follows:

- 1st. Generation: Roger Mervyn, of Ipswich, d. 1475.
- 2nd. Generation: John Mervyn, of Ipswich and later of Harwich or Ramsey.
- 3rd. Generation: John (?) Mervyn, of Ramsey, b. ca. 1480.
- 4th. Generation: Reinold (Rynalde) Mervyn, of Ramsey, b. ca. 1514, d. 1554, or later.
- 5th. Generation: Edward Mervyn or Marvin, of Ramsey, Wrabness and Great Bentley, co. Essex, b. ca. 1545-50, d. 1615.
- 6th. Generation: Reinold Marvin, of Great Bentley, co. Essex, and successively of Hartford, Farmington, and Saybrook (Lyme), Connecticut, b. 1594, d. 1662.
and: Matthew Marvin, of Great Bentley, co. Essex, and of Hartford (and perhaps Farmington) and Norwalk, Connecticut, b. 1600, d. between 26 Dec. 1678 and 13 July 1680.

The purpose of the present paper is to show that the true line of descent was as follows:

- 1st. Generation: Thomas Merveyn (Mervyn), of Ramsey, d. 1503.
- 2nd. Generation: John Mervyn, of Ramsey, d. 1533.
- 3rd. Generation: Reinold (Raynold, Rynalde) Mervyn, of Ramsey, b. ca. 1513, d. after 1554.
- 4th. Generation: Edward Mervyn or Marvin, of Ramsey, Wrabness and Great Bentley, co. Essex, b. ca. 1545-50, d. 1615.
- 5th. Generation: Reinold Marvin, of Great Bentley, co. Essex, and successively of Hartford, Farmington, and Saybrook (Lyme), Connecticut, b. 1594, d. 1662.
and: Matthew Marvin, of Great Bentley, co. Essex, and of Hartford (and perhaps Farmington) and Norwalk, Connecticut, b. 1600, d. between 26 Dec. 1678 and 13 July 1680.

In order to make this line of descent clear, it is proposed to give first the abstracts of the wills of Thomas Merveyn (1503) and of John Mervyn (1533), and then to give a brief genealogy of the Mervyn-Marvin family, based on those wills, and on the wealth of information to be found in both the *English Ancestry* and the *Descendants*.

² See *English Ancestry*, pp. 21-25, 30-31.

THE NEW DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

The Nuncupative Will of THOMAS MERVEYN of Ramsey, co. Essex, dated 23 August 1503. He bequeathed to his wife one half of his household stuff and all the stuff she brought with her on their marriage; also his lands at the Churchgate of Ramsey, to her and her heirs forever. To his son Thomas, his houses in Herwyche [Harwich, co. Essex], to him and his heirs forever. To his son Robert, a trunk. To his four daughters, £10. To John Flecher, his part of the quay in Herwyche, he paying the testator's executors 40s. Executors: His wife Christian Merveyn, his son John Merveyn, and Thomas Gray. To his son John, his house at Bridge with all the lands thereunto belonging and [lands at] Kent in the Soken, to him and his heirs forever. Witnesses to this nuncupative Will: John Cuko; John Rande; Water Hunt; Reynold Edgar, bailly of Herwyche; George Hasketh; Thomas Doye; Lawrence Yong; William Pyerce; Emme White; John Perdryche. Proved, 11 April 1504, by John Wro, proctor to the executors (P.C.C., 5 Holgrave).

The Will of JOHN MERVYN, of Ramesey, co. Essex, yeoman, dated 16 September 1533. I desire to be buried in the Church of St. Michael the Archangel at Ramsey, near my father, and bequeath to that Church 3s. 4d. To the old work of St. Paul's 12d. I desire an honest priest to sing for me and my friends in Ramsey Church for half a year, he to have £3 6s. 8d. To the four Orders of Friars in and about Ipswich, 40s. To the amending of Ramsey highway and bridge, £4. To my wife Margaret, all my houses and lands in Ramsey, both copy and freehold, except Janecoxe, and also all my household stuff, and £20, ten milch beasts, two couple of oxen, four cart horses, harness, cart and plough, and 100 sheep. To my eldest son John, the house I dwell in, my copyhold land held of the Abbot of St. Osyth,^a and a pightell called Waxe, he to receive all these after his mother's death. To my said eldest son John immediately after my decease, my quarter of the ship *Mary and John*. To my son Raynold, a tenement called Bennettes and lands thereunto belonging, after his mother's death. To my son Thomas, a tenement called Rolles, and Nether lands and Gesses, after his mother's death. To my son Richard, a tenement in Little Okeley called Brandons, and free pightell. To my son John the younger, a tenement called Milkes in Myche Ockley. To my sons Raynold, Thomas and Richard, £10 each at their ages of 21. To my daughters Margaret, Christian and Marion, £10 each, on their marriage. My land called Janecoxe I bequeath to my feoffees to keep an obit for me, my father and all my friends. To John Blosse, two sheep and two bushels of corn. To Richard Tredfall, two sheep. To Roger Smythe, two sheep. To Thomas Cuckeucke the younger, a sheep. To my brother, Thomas Mervyn, £5, a "garthing plate" in Harwich that was my father's, with all my bows and shafts. To each of my servants, man and woman, two sheep. To John Blosse the elder, "my best gown except one." To Robert Were, John Frotsame, James Carter, John Mote, Thomas Hege, Robert Harting and Purkas (*sic*), Robert Blosse, Robert Tidder, John Blosse the younger, and Robert Larkyn, clothes and sheep. Residuary legatees: My children. Executors: My wife Margaret and my eldest son John. Supervisor: My brother Thomas Mervyn. Witnesses: Nicholas Awdley, curate; Thomas Hurre; John Blosse the elder; Robert Blosse; Thomas Cuckeucke the younger. Proved, 17 December 1533, by the executors named (P.C.C., 8 Hogen).

^a The Benedictine Abbey of St. Osyth was in those days the patron of the living of Ramsey. It was situated at Chich, co. Essex, about ten and a half miles from Ramsey. There is an excellent account of it in *The Victoria County Histories: Essex*, vol. 2, pp. 157-162. See also Allan Evans, *Francesco Balducci Pegolotti: La Pratica della Mercatura* (Cambridge, Mass., The Mediaeval Academy of America, 1936), p. 396.

GENEALOGY OF THE MERVYN FAMILY OF RAMSEY, CO. ESSEX,
AND ELSEWHERE.

1. THOMAS MERVYN (or MERVEYN), of Ramsey, co. Essex, the testator of 1503, may by a bare possibility have been the son of Robert Mervyn of Ipswich, co. Suffolk (No. 3 in *English Ancestry*, pp. 25-30). It will be noticed that the testator of 1503 named a son Robert. This suggestion is, however, of an extremely tentative variety, for there is no proof at all of this identification. Thomas Mervyn was obviously a man of considerable substance. He bequeathed property at Ramsey, at Harwich, and elsewhere in the neighborhood. He may have married more than once, and it is not possible to judge from the terms of his will whether his wife CHRISTIAN ——— was the mother of his children, or not. She survived him, and was co-executrix of his will. Thomas Mervyn (Merveyn) probably died soon after 23 Aug. 1503, the date of his will, and certainly before 11 April 1504, the date of probate. He was buried in the Church of St. Michael the Archangel at Ramsey.

Children (order unknown):

2. i. JOHN, co-executor of his father's will, and therefore probably the eldest son, b. (say) 1480.
3. ii. THOMAS, b. (say) 1485.
4. iii. ROBERT, b. (say) 1490.
- iv. Daughter, living in 1503.
- v. Daughter living in 1503.
- vi. Daughter, living in 1503.
- vii. ANN (No. 9 in *English Ancestry*, pp. 31, 50), living in 1503. She was apparently the youngest of this family. She m. ROBERT BORFLETE, seemingly a resident of Harwich or Dovercourt, co. Essex. She, her husband and children were mentioned in the will of her brother Robert (*English Ancestry*, pp. 44-47). This will was dated 10 Dec. 1556, and the Borflete children were then all under 21.

Children (surname Borflete):

1. Francis.
2. Robert.
3. Thomas.
4. John.
5. Mary.

2. JOHN MERVYN (*Thomas*), of Ramsey, co. Essex, yeoman, the testator of 1533, may have been born about 1480. He was of age in 1503, and was co-executor of his father's will. He died at Ramsey between 16 September 1533 (the date of his will) and 17 December 1533 (the date of probate), and was buried in the Church of St. Michael the Archangel at Ramsey. He is identical with the man whose name Mr. W. T. R. Marvin did not know (though he suspected it might be John), who is No. 7 in the *English Ancestry*, and appears on pp. 31 and 38-41 in that work. Mr. Marvin, however, believed him to be a son of John, and

grandson of Roger Mervyn of Ipswich; and it has been shown that that belief is erroneous.

John Mervyn was a man of very considerable wealth. In his will, he disposed of lands and tenements in the parishes of Ramsey, Great Oakley [Myche or Much Ockley] and Little Oakley. The names of some of his lands were Janecoxe, Waxe, Bennettes, Rolfes, Nether lands, Gesses, Brandons, and Milkes. He also had interests in the town of Harwich, which he left to his brother Thomas, a resident of that town. John Mervyn married MARGARET ———, who survived him, and was co-executrix of his will. From the terms of the will, it is obvious that she was the mother of all his children. She was undoubtedly the "Widow Marvin" who was taxed 15s. on her movables at Ramsey in the Lay Subsidy of 1540 (*English Ancestry*, p. 38). The date of her death is not known.

Children (order uncertain):

5. i. JOHN, "my eldest son," co-executor of his father's will, of age in 1533, b. (say) 1510.
6. ii. RAYNOLD, REINOLD or RYNALDE, under 21 in 1533, b. (say) 1513.
7. iii. THOMAS, under 21 in 1533.
- iv. RICHARD, under 21 in 1533.
- v. JOHN the younger, under 21 in 1533.
- vi. MARGARET, unmarried in 1533, apparently later m. JOHN COOPER, of Harwich (see *English Ancestry*, pp. 41, 56, 166, 167). He was buried at St. Nicholas's Church, Harwich, 29 July 1580. She was bur. there 20 Dec. 1587, leaving a will, dated 8 Dec. 1587, which was proved 24 Jan. 1587/8.

Children (surname *Cooper*; order of older ones uncertain):

1. *Thomas*, b. before 1559, when the Registers of St. Nicholas's, Harwich, commence.
2. *Peter*, b. before 1559.
3. *William*, b. before 1559.
4. *Roger*, b. before 1559.
5. *Phillis*, b. before 1559, m. ——— Harte.
6. *Em* (Emma), b. before 1559, m. ——— Sawyer.
7. *Margaret*, b. before 1559.
8. *Christian*, bap. at Harwich 16 April 1560, m. ——— Haines.
9. *Richard*, bap. at Harwich 19 July 1562.
10. *Owen*, bap. at Harwich 14 Aug. 1564; d. before his mother.
- vii. CHRISTIAN, unmarried in 1533, later m. THOMAS HERDE, of Ramsey (see *English Ancestry*, pp. 39, 83, 84; *Descendants*, pp. 15, 16). She d. shortly before 14 Oct. 1561. Her husband survived her, and was executor of the will of his brother-in-law Thomas Mervyn (No. 7). They had issue.
- viii. MARION, unmarried in 1533, later m. ——— SWATTOCKE (see *English Ancestry*, pp. 40, 96). She was living, 30 Jan. 1570/1, and had issue.

3. THOMAS MERVYN (*Thomas*), of Ramsey and later of Harwich, co. Essex, may have been born about 1485. His father

left him his houses in Harwich, and Thomas resided in that town most of his life. An account of this Thomas appears in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 32 and 50-65, but Mr. W. T. R. Marvin erroneously believed that this Thomas was the son of a certain Thomas Mervyn of Ipswich, and did not realize that he was a brother of John and Robert Mervyn, of Ramsey.

Thomas Mervyn of Harwich was supervisor of the will of his brother John in 1533, and received in that will a "garthing plate" in Harwich, and all the testator's bows and arrows. Thomas Mervyn seems to have been a shop-keeper at Harwich, although he was styled "of Harwich and Dovercourt" in the Lay Subsidy of 1540, in which he was taxed 15s. on movables. He died at Harwich late in 1550, between 18 November (the date of his will) and 17 December (the date of probate). He married ANNE ———, who was the mother of all his children. She died in 1558, between 20 March (the date of her will) and 30 December (the date of probate). A lot of information about the Mervyn family comes from her will, which is printed in full in *English Ancestry*, pp. 59-64.

Children (order uncertain):

- i. Daughter (ELIZABETH ?), m. ROGER HAWKYN or HAWKINS, apparently of Harwich.

Children (surname *Hawkyn* or *Hawkins*):

1. *John*.
2. *Roger*.
3. *Henry*.
4. *Thomas*.
5. *Rose*.
6. *Elizabeth*.

- ii. Daughter, m. ——— CAUSSTON, a farmer. They had three children living and under age in 1558, according to Anne Mervyn's will.
- iii. THOMAS, perhaps the Thomas Marvin bur. at Harwich 8 Oct. 1577. He m. Elizabeth ———.

Children, mentioned in the will of Anne Mervyn:

1. *Thomas*.
2. *Anne*.

- iv. Daughter, m. JOHN BARKER, clothier, of Bylston, co. Suffolk, who was co-executor of the will of Anne Mervyn. They had several children.
- v. Daughter, m. JOHN LAME (LAMB ?), of Trimley, co. Suffolk, who was co-executor of the will of Anne Mervyn.

Children (surname *Lame*):

1. *Adam*.
2. *Richard*.

- vi. Daughter (perhaps ELLEN), m. THOMAS RYCHEMAN, of Ramsey. This daughter appears to have been unmarried when her

father made his will in 1550, and dead before her mother made hers in 1558. See *English Ancestry*, pp. 57, 58.

Children (surname *Rycheman*):

1. *Anne*.
2. *Agnes*.

4. ROBERT MERVYN or MARVEN (*Thomas*), of Ramsey, co. Essex, may have been born about 1490. His father, in his will in 1503, left him only a trunk. An account of this Robert appears in *English Ancestry*, pp. 42-49. He seems always to have resided at Ramsey, where he held both freehold and copyhold lands, including estates called Bosemans and Bodies. He also held land called Puttytes in the parish of Great Oakley, which he bequeathed to Francis Borflete, eldest son of his sister Ann. He also bequeathed 20s. apiece to his "godsons" Raynold and John Marven, the sons of his brother John. Robert died between 10 December 1556 (the date of his will) and 19 January 1556/7 (the date of probate). He married ISABEL ———, who survived him, and who was the mother of his children. She died between 2 January 1559/60 (the date of her will) and 6 June 1660 (the date of probate).

Children (order uncertain):

- i. Daughter, d. before her father, m. ——— HEWIT.

Children (surname *Hewit*):

1. *James*.
2. *William*.

- ii. Daughter, perhaps also d. before her father, m. ——— BETERYCHE.

Children (surname *Beteryche*):

1. *Matthew*.
2. *John*.

- iii. SISSELY (CICELY), m. JOHN BLOSSE, of Ramsey, perhaps the John Blossse the younger mentioned in the will of John Mervyn (*supra*).

Children (surname *Blosse*):

1. *John*.
2. *Robert*.
3. *Thomas*.
4. *Anne*.
5. *Bridget*.
6. A child, b. in 1560.

5. JOHN MERVYN or MARVEN (*John, Thomas*), of Ramsey, co. Essex, may have been born about 1510. He was of age in 1533, when he acted as co-executor of his father's will. There is an account of him in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 38-39 and 73-74, though his parentage is not there definitely stated. He was living at Ramsey in 1540, when he was taxed 12s. 6d. on movables in the Lay Subsidy of that year. If he kept the possessions his

father left him, then he owned his father's dwelling-house, a "pightell" called Waxe, and other lands, as well as a quarter interest in the ship *Mary and John*. The date of his death is not known, but he was certainly living on 22 Dec. 1554, when his brother Raynold made his will; and he was apparently still alive on 14 Oct. 1561, when his brother Thomas made his will. The name of his wife is not known.

Probable children:

- i. ELIZABETH, b. ca. 1532, living 30 Jan. 1570/1 when her brother John made his will, m. JOHN HAYLE of Ramsey.

Children (surname *Hayle*):

1. *John*.
2. *Wealthe*.
3. *William*.

- ii. JOHN, b. ca. 1534, of Ramsey, co. Essex, yeoman. There is an account of this man and his family in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 74 and 87-98. He died rather young, between 30 Jan. 1570/1 (the date of his will) and some time later in 1571 (for the will has no exact date of probate). His children were both under the age of 14 at the time of his death. From his will, which is a most interesting one, and which is printed in full in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 92-98, we derive the impression that he was a wealthy farmer, devoted not only to his children, but also to his sisters and his aunts. In this will, he was styled "John Marvyne." The name of his wife, who must have predeceased him, is not known.

Children (order uncertain):

1. *John*, b. ca. 1558, of Ramsey, yeoman. This man, who was called John Marvine, is described in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 90 and 128-137. He d. soon after 12 July 1594 (the date of his will). He m. (1) ——— Gylberd [Gilbert], daughter of Hierom [Hieronymus, Jerome] Gylberd [Gylberd, Gilbert], whose splendid family ramifications are set forth in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 129-131. He apparently m. (2) at Great Bentley, co. Essex, 30 Aug. 1585, Margaret Swallow, who predeceased him.

Children by first wife:

- 1) John "the elder," b. ca. 1582.
- 2) Edward, b. ca. 1584.

Children by second wife:

- 3) John "the younger," b. ca. 1586.
- 4) Edmund, b. ca. 1588.

2. *Robert*, of whom there is an account in the *English Ancestry*, p. 90.

- iii. ROGER, b. ca. 1537, is known only from the will of his brother John. He and his children are mentioned in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 74 and 104. The name of his wife is not known.

Children (at least):

1. *John*.
2. *Margaret*.

Perhaps also:

3. *Reinold*.

- iv. MARGARET, living 30 Jan. 1570/1 when her brother John made his will, m. ——— CLARCKE, of Holbrook, co. Suffolk.

Child (surname *Clarcke*):

1. *John*.

6. RAYNOLD, REINOLD or RYNALDE MERVYN or MARVEN (*John, Thomas*), of Ramsey, co. Essex, yeoman, was under 21 when his father made his will in 1533, and may have been born about 1513. He and his family are described in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 39 and 75-81; and in *Descendants*, pp. 13-17 and 19-20, but his parentage is not definitely stated there. He was living in Ramsey, and was taxed 20s. on movables in the Lay Subsidy of 1540. He had received from his father a tenement called Bennettes in Ramsey (which he in turn bequeathed to his son Richard), and he seems to have acquired other lands, both in Ramsey and in the adjoining parish of Wrabness. His will was dated 22 December 1554, but bears no date of probate. If he was the "godson Reynolde Marven" mentioned in the will of his uncle Robert (*supra*), then he must have been still living on 10 December 1556; but he certainly died before 14 October 1561, when he was called "late deceased" in the will of his brother Thomas. He married JOHAN ———, who survived him, and was sole executrix of his will.

Children (order uncertain, and all under 21 in 1554):

- i. RICHARD, named first in his father's will, in which he received the tenement called Bennettes; probably the eldest son.
8. ii. EDWARD, named second in his father's will.
- iii. JOHN, named third in his father's will, in which he received a tenement called Genettes in Ramsey parish. He is mentioned in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 77 and 115-119, and in *Descendants*, p. 20. Mr. W. T. R. Marvin believed that he removed to the neighboring parish of Little Oakley, co. Essex, and died there in March 1584/5, leaving a will dated 5 March, and being buried at St. Mary's Church, Little Oakley, 8 March 1584/5. If this identification is correct, John m. (1) ANNE ———, who was bur. at Little Oakley 11 Sept. 1584; and he m. (2) shortly before his death MARGARET ———, who survived him.

Child by first marriage:

1. *Anne*, under age in March 1584/5.

- iv. AUDREY, who, according to her father's will, was to receive £10 at the age of 20 or at marriage.
- v. MARGERY, who, according to her father's will, was to receive £10 at the age of 20 or at marriage.
- vi. BARBARA, who, according to her father's will, was to receive £10 at the age of 20 or at marriage. She apparently m. JOHN WADE of Ramsey and Little Oakley, and had issue. John Wade was appointed guardian of Anne, daughter of John Marvin of Little Oakley (*supra*).

7. THOMAS MERVYN (*John, Thomas*), of Ramsey, co. Essex, yeoman, was under 21 when his father made his will in 1533. In this will, Thomas received "a tenement called Rolles, and Nether lands and Gesses" after his mother's death, and also £10 at the age of 21. He must later have acquired a tenement called Brandons in Little Oakley parish. Brandons had belonged to John Mervyn, the father of Thomas, and had been bequeathed by him in 1533 to his son Richard. Richard evidently died without issue, and Brandons was inherited by his brother Thomas. Thomas Mervyn also held property in Suffolk. There is an account of him and his family in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 39 and 81-85, though his parentage is not there definitely stated. His will was dated 14 October 1561, but bore no date of probate. He married BARBARA (——) BRETT, a widow whose three daughters by her former husband, Joan Brett, Margaret Brett and Mary Brett, received bequests from Thomas Mervyn.

Child:

- i. MATTHEW, evidently very young when Thomas made his will in 1561.

8. EDWARD MERVYN, MARVEN or MARVIN (*Raynold, John, Thomas*), of Ramsey, Wrabness and Great Bentley, co. Essex, yeoman, was under 21 when his father made his will, 22 December 1554. In that will, Edward received a tenement and lands, both free and copyhold, in the parish of Wrabness. These lands, together with an adjoining parcel of land in the parish of Wix, Edward bequeathed in 1615 to his eldest son, Edward, Jr. Edward Marvin was a man of considerable wealth, for he held property not only in the parishes of Wrabness and Wix, but also in Ramsey, Frating and Great Bentley, and he resided in Great Bentley during the latter part of his life, in a mansion house called "Edons alias Dreybrocks." There is an account of Edward and his family in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 77 and 105-115, and in *Descendants*, pp. 20 and 22-26. Edward died at Great Bentley on 13 or 14 November 1615. His will was dated the 13th, and he was buried at St. Mary's Church, Great Bentley, 15 November 1615. His will was proved 17 January 1615/6. He married MARGARET ———, who may, or may not, have been the mother of all his children. She survived him, and was buried at Great Bentley 28 May 1633.

Children (order uncertain):

- i. EDWARD, b. perhaps in 1581, or earlier. He inherited the ancestral property in Wrabness, and also property in Wix. He also acquired lands and houses in Great Bentley and Thorington.

There is an account of him and his family in *Descendants*, pp. 26-27, and in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 110 and 137-145. He resided chiefly at Thorington, and was buried in the Churchyard of St. Mary Magdalene there. The date of his death is not known. His will was dated 30 Dec., but no year was written, though 1622 may have been intended. In this will, he bequeathed to his wife "Bettres," his daughter Susan and son Edward (minors); and he mentioned his brothers Thomas, Richard, Robert, Reinold and Matthew. The will was proved 1 March 1622/3. Edward m. at Great Bentley, 12 Aug. 1604, BETTRIS [BEATRICE] SADLER, who survived him, and was sole executrix of his will.

Children:

1. *Susan*, bap. at Great Bentley 14 July 1605.
2. *Edward*, probably b. at Thorington, perhaps ca. 1607.
- ii. THOMAS, b. perhaps in 1583. He was supervisor of his father's will in 1615, and in this will received a tenement and lands in Ramsey; and he was also supervisor of his brother Edward's will in 1622/3. He is mentioned in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 110 and 145-146, and in *Descendants*, p. 25, and it is there suggested that Thomas may have been the Thomas Marvyn who settled at Newbury, Mass., and received a grant of land there 27 April 1648, and died at Newbury 28 Nov. 1651. But there is no proof of this identification.
- iii. RICHARD, b. perhaps in 1585. He received from his father a tenement called Moye House, and lands in Great Bentley, some of which he sold to his brother Edward. There is an account of him in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 110 and 147, and in *Descendants*, pp. 25, 27, 28. He was an overseer of the parish of Great Bentley in 1616 and 1624. The date of his death is not known. He m. at Great Bentley, 1 Nov. 1610, SUSAN LOUCK [LOOSK ?].

Children:

1. *Richard*, bap. at Great Bentley 1 Nov. 1613.
2. *John*, bap. at Great Bentley 22 Aug. 1616; d. there 27 Oct. 1618.
3. Child, living in 1622, mentioned in the will of its uncle Edward.
4. Child, living in 1622, mentioned in the will of its uncle Edward.
- iv. ROBERT, b. perhaps in 1587. He received from his father lands in the parish of Frating, co. Essex, but he evidently lived at Great Bentley. He is mentioned in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 111 and 147-148, and in *Descendants*, pp. 25 and 28. He m. at Great Bentley 7 Nov. 1616, SUSAN GORE.

Child:

1. *Robert*, bap. at Great Bentley 14 Jan. 1618/9. It is suggested in the *English Ancestry*, pp. 148 and 168-171, that this Robert Marvin may have settled at Southampton, L. I., in May 1649, and founded the Marvin family of that place. There is, however, no proof of connection.
- v. MARGARET, b. perhaps in 1589; bur. at Great Bentley 28 Jan. 1595/6.

- vi. MARY, b. perhaps in 1591; m. (1) at Great Bentley 19 April 1610 JOHN HAYSE, of Great Bentley, who was executor of the will of his father-in-law, Edward Marvin, in 1615, and overseer of the parish of Great Bentley in 1616. John Hayse [Hays, Hayes] was buried at Great Bentley 5 Oct. 1616. Mary (Marvin) Hayse m. (2) at Great Bentley 8 Dec. 1618 RICHARD WOOD.

Child by first marriage (surname *Hayse*):

1. Mary, bap. at Great Bentley 22 March 1610/1.

- vii. JOHN, bap. at Great Bentley 7 June 1593; bur. there 8 June 1593.
- viii. REINOLD, bap. at Great Bentley 7 June 1593; bur. there 8 June 1593.
- ix. REINOLD, RENOLD, RENALD, RENALL, etc., bap. at Great Bentley 25 Oct. 1594. He received from his father lands called Moysses, in the parish of Great Oakley, but he lived in Great Bentley, and was overseer of the latter parish in 1625 and 1637, and churchwarden in 1627, 1633 and 1634. He was taxed for ship-money at Great Bentley in 1636. He migrated to New England late in 1637 or early in 1638, and was in Hartford, Conn., with his younger brother Matthew, in 1638. He seems to have removed to Farmington in 1639-40, and afterwards to Saybrook, where he was made a freeman 20 May 1658. Still later, he removed to that part of Saybrook which later became Lyme, Conn., and there he d. in the summer of 1662. He m. in 1617 or 1618 MARY ———, who d. in that part of Saybrook which later became Lyme in the summer of 1661. Her death was attributed to witchcraft on the part of Nicholas Jennings of Saybrook and his wife Margaret. Reinold and Mary Marvin had nine children. There is a detailed account of this family in *Descendants*, pp. 26 and 29-35.
- x. ELIZABETH, b. perhaps in 1597; m. at Great Bentley 22 May 1618 ROBERT EDWARDS.
- xi. MATTHEW, bap. at Great Bentley 26 March 1600. He received from his father the mansion house called "Edons alias Dreybrockes," which had been Edward Marvin's dwelling-house. He was a "sydeman" of the parish of Great Bentley in 1621, overseer in 1627, and senior warden in 1628. He was still in Great Bentley in Aug. 1633. He and his family sailed for New England on the *Increase* from London in April 1635, and they apparently landed early in June. Matthew Marvin seems to have been among the very earliest settlers of Hartford, Conn., who arrived there in November 1635. He owned land at Farmington, and may have lived there a short time. He was at Norwalk in 1651, and there he presumably died. His will was dated 26 Dec. 1678, and the inventory of his estate was taken 13 July 1680, so he died between those dates. He m. (1) by 1622 ELIZABETH ———, b. ca. 1604; d. ca. 1642. He m. (2) ca. 1647 ALICE (——) BOUTON, widow of John Bouton. She was b. ca. 1610, and d. between 17 Dec. 1680 and 9 Jan. 1680/1. Matthew Marvin had at least seven children by his first marriage, and two by his second. Accounts of this family are in *Descendants*, pp. 287-298, and Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*, vol. 1, pp. 402-403. The best biography of Matthew Marvin is in Mary Walton Ferris, *Dawes-Gates Ancestral Lines*, vol. 2 (*Gates and Allied Families*) (Chicago, 1931), pp. 575-578.

NOTE: In Henry F. Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* (2 vols., Boston, 1901), vol. 2, pp. 1103-1104, there appears the will of George Marvin, of the parish of St. Olave, Silver Street, London, dated 24 March 1648/9, and proved 4 April 1649. Among other legatees, the testator mentions "my sister in Mislye" (Mistley, co. Essex, about 8 miles west of Ramsey); "my uncle and my cousin William at Stutton" (Stutton, co. Suffolk); and "my cousin John of Bentley" (presumably Great Bentley). So the testator obviously belonged to the Ramsey and Great Bentley family of Marvins.

RENOLD FOSTER

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The possibility of identifying the English home of many a New England immigrant lies in the great marriage index, lodged in the library of the Society of Genealogists in London and compiled by Pereival Boyd, F. S. A. Essex is one of the counties which Mr. Boyd has covered completely, with the aid of a staff of local enthusiasts, and, fortunately for us, it is a county which was an important source of seventeenth century emigration. A few hours of search in April, 1939, rewarded me with several probable identifications, among them Renold Foster of Ipswich, Mass.

Renold Foster and Judith Wignol were married in Theydon Garnon, co. Essex, in 1619.

Renold Foster settled with his family in Ipswich by 1638, and in that town Judith, wife of Renold Foster, Senior, died in Oct. 1664.

Theydon Garnon is about eight miles south of Harlow, where lived a John Foster who made his will in 1601, making his son Reynold his chief heir. Reynold, in turn, made his will in 1622, naming a son Reynold who was obviously from the context a man grown. These two testators may prove, on further research in happier times, to have been the father and grandfather of the groom of 1619. Unfortunately the parish register of Harlow for that period is missing.

In 1899 Frederick Clifton Pierce produced a genealogy of the descendants of Renold Foster for whom he provided a fearful and wonderful pedigree, which will bring tears to the eyes of readers tutored by Mr. Jacobus. On his title-page Mr. Pierce states that Foster's genealogy is "traced back to Anacher, Great Forrester of Flanders, who died in 837 A.D." In his paragraphs on the origin of the name Foster, Mr. Pierce says that about the year 1050 (*sic*) a scion of the worthy Anacher, "Sir Richard Forester" by name, accompanied his brother-in-law,

William the Conqueror, to England, and was, of course, present at Hastings. On pages 11-15 are found "the English and Flemish ancestors of Reginald Foster and undoubtedly of all the other emigrants to Massachusetts in an early day and in fact every one now bearing the name in the world." This pedigree begins with Anacher and ends with Reginald Foster of the twenty-fourth generation, son of Thomas Foster and "born at Brunton, England, about 1595, came to America with wife, Judith, and seven children." On page 57 we learn that "Reginald Foster of Little Badow, Co. Essex, landed at Ipswich, Mass., 1638 he belonged to the Foster family of Bam-borough and Etherstone Castle, Co. Northumberland," etc.

This is, of course, complete nonsense, of a type which is, alas, too common in family genealogies. "Anacher, Great Forester of Flanders" may have existed and died in 837, or he may not. It is of no importance in either case, to the descendants of Renold Foster. To label the Conqueror's brother-in-law, if such he was, "Sir Richard Forester," is an inexcusable anachronism. The most reputable authorities on surnames seem agreed that Foster is an occupational name derived from forester, but when, about the thirteenth century, surnames began to be common and hereditary, there were scores of foresters in England, any number of whom may have called themselves Forester, as other tradesmen became Smiths or Bakers, and passed the name down to their Foster descendants. Not only is the twenty-four generation pedigree entirely devoid of documentary evidence, but the claim that Renold Foster, "born in 1595" and from co. Essex, was of the stock of Bam-borough, that great castle not having been acquired by the Fosters of Northumberland, at the other end of England, until 1565, is the poorest kind of wishful guesswork.

On page 110, Mr. Pierce, while reiterating the "ancient and respectable family" claim, contradicts himself. "Nothing certain, however, was known of Reginald Foster's birthplace or his English ancestry" until the recent discovery of the will of Reynowld Foster of Harlowe in the county of Essex, yeoman, dated 1622. Mr. Pierce appears to believe it certain that Renold of Ipswich was the son of this testator. How he could, at the same time, be the son of Thomas Foster of Brunton, twenty-third in descent from the Flemish Anacher, is not explained.

From the context on page 114, it appears that Mr. Pierce labored under the delusion that "Renold" is a shortened form of "Reginald," as Will is of William. He therefore calls his genealogy "the record of the Posterity of Reginald Foster" and descendants not only call the emigrant Reginald but give that name to their sons. It is a pleasant name, but a very new one.

When he signed his will in 1680 our Ipswich ancestor wrote himself Renold. In the eight volumes of Records and Files of

the County Courts of Essex County, published by the Essex Institute, Foster is mentioned forty-eight times. In nineteen instances his name is Renold, in four Reienalld, in three Reienald, in two each Reinold, Reynold, and Reinald, and in one each Reienold, Reonall, Reanalld, Rainold and Renall. In two instances each he is Regnald and Reg., and in one Regnell, but, needless to say, *gn* is commonly sounded as *n*. This leaves three cases of Reginall, two of Reginald and one of Reginold, and very possibly a re-examination of the manuscript record would eliminate the *i* in each of these readings.

The name Renold is a very ancient one, in both its French and English forms, and from it comes the common patronymic Reynolds. In medieval times Latin was the universal language of the public records and the clerks latinized, if possible, all proper names. Although the charters of the lord and lady of the manor described them as Galfridus, Petrus, Gualterus, Ægidius, and Lucia, Matilda, Alicia, Joanna, they called each other Geoffrey, Piers, Walter, Giles, Lucy, Maud, Alice, and Joan. The same is the case with Renold, which became Reginaldus in Latin. Reginald (Renald), Nigel (Neal) and Almeric (Amaury) are three names of a small class where anglicization of the latinization has since taken place.* For their modern popularity the pseudo-medievalism of the eighteenth and early nineteenth century is responsible, and Reginald stems to a great extent from Scott's Sir Reginald Front-de-Boeuf. It is pure Strawberry Hill Gothick. I very much doubt that Judith Foster ever called her husband Reginald.

JOSEPH² BECKWITH'S WIFE

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According to Beckwith Notes, no. 2, pp. 28-29, Joseph² Beckwith (Matthew¹), of Lyme, Conn., married Susannah ——— and had:

Sarah, born April 14, 1677

Joseph, born April 15, 1679

These records should be compared with the careful copy of the original Lyme records in *The American Genealogist*, vol. 10, p. 220, which are as follows:

Becket, "Children of Joseph Becket & Susana his wife"

Sarah b. 14 Apr. []

Joseph b. 15 Apr. 1679

From this reliable copy of the records it appears that the year in which Sarah was born is uncertain and that the family name was spelled Becket.

* See the new Complete Peerage, Vol. III, Appendix C.

In Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, p. 196, we find an account of the settlement of Peter¹ Tallman's estate. His son, Jonathan, administrator, took acquittances May 3, 1709 from six brothers, four brothers-in-law, and two widowed sisters. One of his sisters was Susanna Beckett.

It seems virtually certain that this sister was Susanna Beckwith, widow of Joseph Beckwith of Lyme, Conn. There were Beckett families in New England at an early date but no wife was named Susanna. The fact that Beckwith appears as Beckett in the Lyme records was noted above. Joseph Beckwith was the only Beckwith who is known to have had a wife Susanna before 1700. From Peter¹ Tallman's marriage contract with his second wife we learn that his oldest son was Peter, Jr., and that Mary was his oldest daughter. In the acquittance records the children are not named in order. Susanna was either the second or the third daughter by Peter's first wife.

According to Beckwith Notes, Joseph² Beckwith's widow became Mrs. Susannah Way in or before 1716. This statement has not been verified, but is probably correct.

ENGLISH ORIGIN OF ARTHUR REXFORD OF NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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The following abstracts of records from Dartmouth, England, disclose the origin of Arthur Rexford of New Haven, Conn., whose son, Arthur, Jr., settled in Meriden Parish (now the city of Meriden) in Wallingford, Conn.

DD. 63959 D Dartmouth Archives.
1729 II 15.

Release by Arthur Rexford of Merridon, in the parish of Wallensford, in the county of Newhaven, in the colony of Connecticut, in New England, blacksmith, one of the executors of the last will and testament of Arthur Rexford late of Newhaven, mariner, to James Bond, of Dartmouth, mariner, and Grace his wife, executrix of the last will and testament of Grace Mathew of Dartmouth, widow, deceased, of all actions.

DD. 63959 E Dartmouth Archives.
1728 IX 14.

A letter recommending Arthur Rexford, junior, the son of Arthur Rexford of Newhaven, Connecticut, formerly of Dartmouth known for twenty years. Dated 14th. September 1728 in the Harbour of St. Johns, Newfoundland, and signed by—Vice-Admiral Ro. Newman and Rear-Admiral Nicholas Pydston.

DD. 63959 C Dartmouth Archives.
1729 II 15.

Bond for £300 given by Arthur Rexford of Merridon, in the parish of Wallensford, in the county of Newhaven, in the colony of Connecticut, in New England, blacksmith, to Nicholas Adams, clerk, of Dartmouth.

NOTES OF PITMAN DOCUMENTS

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Among seventeenth-century settlers of Marblehead, Massachusetts, were Mark and Thomas Pitman. (Variations; Pittman, Pickman, etc.) Similarity of Christian names appears among their descendants and members of the Barbados-Rhode Island family of Pitman.

Miss Hannah Tutt of the Marblehead Historical Society has dealt ably with the immediate descendants of Thomas Pitman in her *Ancestry of William Johnson Goldthwaite* for Joel Goldthwaite, but little exists in published materials concerning those of Mark Pitman.

Men of early Marblehead were mostly fishermen and mariners. They left fewer real estate records than landmen, and often married in distant seaports. Maine, part of Massachusetts until 1820, was a favorite haunt. "Marbleheaders" sailed to and from there and were almost equally at home in either region. Numerous refugees from Indian wars in Maine mingled with original Marblehead and Salem settlers and family groups were much shuffled in the subsequent resettlement of Maine. These migrations make it difficult to establish some Essex County ancestries. Consequently it is believed that the following notes from Essex County documents may prove helpful to descendants now living in distant states.

In June 1669 Marke Pitman aged 40 deposed before the Essex County Quarterly Court, and in June 1672, Marke Pitman aged 48 deposed before the same tribunal.

One Mark Pitman appears in a list of slain 25 August 1676 at Sugar Loaf Hill about ten miles above Hatfield. (Mass. Archives: 67:254; 68:33). With soldier's luck his pay ("wages") had been assigned to the town of Marblehead 24 August 1676, £01: 16: 10.

Administration of the estate of Mark Pitman was granted 25 November 1690 to Sarah the widow and relict of Mark Pitman of Marblehead, deceased. (Essex County Probate: 302: 226). Inventory had been taken 6 June 1690. On 5 May 1712, administration of the estate of Mark Pitman was granted to "James Dennis who married to the eldest daughter of said deceased." (Essex County Probate: 310:422). James Dennis married 25 March 1682 Sarah Pitman. (Marblehead Vital Records (printed): II:114). Letters at large were granted of the estate of "Sarah Pickman widow of Mark Pittman late of Marblehead deceased intestate to her eldest son Moses Pick-

man," 28 January 1713. (Essex County Probate: 310:502). In 1738 (Essex County Probate: 318:157), and in 1749 (Essex County Probate: 329:61) estates of later Mark Pitmans, each with a wife Hannah, were administered.

On 4 June 1708, Sarah Pitman, of Marblehead, administratrix of the estate of Marke Pitman late of Marblehead Deceased intestate, conveyed for £7: 7s: 3d. paid by my two sons Benjamin and John both of Marblehead a 10 aker lott commonly known as Scot's Pond or Pittman's Lott near John Waldron's Sarah's license to sell obtained at the Superior Court of Judicature holden at Salem second Tuesday of November 1698 . . . to make sale of her husband's real estate. Sarah Pitman signed by mark. Witnesses: Archibald Ferguson, Moses Pitman. Acknowledged 4 June 1708. (Essex County Deeds: 20:143).

On 7 July of the same year 1708, Sarah Pitman, widow and administratrix of Mark Pitman late of Marblehead, Deceased intestate, conveyed in consideration of £96 disbursed and laid out these sixteen years past @ £6 per annum by my loving son Moses Pitman, Senior, of Marblehead . . . (that) house and land (he has) enjoyed since death of (her) husband In Witness whereof ye said Sarah Pitman with ye consent allowance & Confirmation of Most of all her Sons & daughters, etc. . . . 6 July 1708. Acknowledged 7 July 1708 before John Legg, J.P. Witnesses: Archibald Ferguson, Benjamin Pitman, John Pitman, Joshua Orne. (Essex County Deeds: 19:218).

His wife—perhaps a second—was Sarah as early as 1660, for on 20 January of that year, Marke Pitman fisherman of Marblehead and Robert Knight of the same plantation carpenter dealt in real estate . . . in possession of Marke Pitman by purchase . . . with the free consent of my now wife Sara Pittman. Acknowledged 10: 4m: '70, before Wm. Hathorne; recorded 6: 2m: '71 by Hilliard Veren, Recorder. Witnesses: John Bartol, John Peach. (Essex County Deeds: 3:109).

On 19 May 1724, Moses Pitman of Marblehead fisherman or shoreman conveyed for £19 paid by my Son in Law George Barker of Marblehead aforesaid fisherman and my daughter Ruth Barker his wife . . . a messuage, house, garden & orchard with all land belonging & a Cow lease and a half belonging to said house which was my Father Mark Pittman's Deceased . . . lower end of town of Marblehead bounded NW & N by Common Land, NE & E by a cove & salt water & a beach & on SE & S by a pond of water and the land that was formerly John Hoiles (Hoyle) Deceased & on SW & W by land & house of my son Moses Pittman (or however bounded . . . etc.) (Essex County Deeds: 49:162).

Ruth, daughter of Moses and Remember Pitman, was baptized 25: 10br: 1683 at Marblehead; Moses, son of Moses and Remember, 14 October 1686; and Remember, daughter of Moses and Remember, 19 July 1688. (Marblehead Vital Records: I:403). Other than the baptisms of her children nothing is found in Essex County records concerning Remember, and this may well bewilder the local searcher in that county.

In York County Deeds (Maine; printed): 15:136, appears the Division in 1732 among children of Thomas Parker, deceased, of Parker's Island *alias* Rescohegin Island: to John Parker late of said place now of Boston . . . shipwright as well for himself as attorney for his brother Jacob, coaster; to Moses Pitman of Marblehead, county of Essex, fisherman, and the children and heirs of Remember, his wife; and Margaret Dixey of Marblehead, aforesaid, widow; . . . (and others).

Again, York County Deeds: 14:193, reveal that: John Parker of Boston, shipwright, eldest son of Thomas Parker, late of Raskohegan, who was the eldest son of John Parker, of Biddeford, Great Britain, fisherman, sold his rights in Parker's Island to Thomas Salter, of Boston, said Island lying by Sagadahoc river, running to Sheepscoot river, on July 8, 1731.

The foregoing notes extracted many years ago, *nec verbatim nec literatim*, purport to show merely essential genealogical facts. The source was officially recorded, reputed copies, and while not the best evidence of which the case is susceptible they yet satisfy all reasonable requirements as information.

WORTHINGTON FAMILY

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According to family tradition, Nicholas Worthington of New England was a considerable landowner near Liverpool in the County of Lancaster. He fought on the side of the king and was wounded in the Cromwellian wars, and as a result his estates were confiscated. Lancaster was predominantly Royalist during the Civil Wars and the Parliamentary armies were active here, notably at Preston, where a battle was fought, resulting in a victory for Cromwell and the Parliament. See John Buchan's *Oliver Cromwell*, which mentions confiscations in Lancashire. So the tradition seems to possess elements of truth. The Civil War dates are 1641-1648. Any man old enough to fight at that time would have been born 1620 to 1628, but not much earlier or later. This tradition was transmitted to Rev. William Worthington of the West Parish of Saybrook, Conn.,

and by his daughter Elizabeth to her son Worthington Gallup Chauncey of Durham, Conn., who prior to his death in 1858 communicated it to William Fowler.

Another daughter of Rev. William Worthington, Temperance Worthington, married Rev. Cotton Mather Smith of Sharon, Conn. Their daughter Juliana Smith, born in 1761, wrote in a Diary in 1779 that her grandfather (Rev. William Worthington) with his daughter (her mother) visited England in her girlhood and were hospitably entertained by relatives near Boston, England. One of them, a young Ensign, then was with the King's troops during the American Revolution and was sick and a prisoner. Her father, Rev. C. M. Smith of Sharon, made an effort to have the young man brought to Sharon, but to no avail. It would seem that these relatives might have been Lincolnshire Worthingtons. If that be true, it is possible that the ancestry of Nicholas Worthington of New England could by further research be traced back to the ancient family of Worthington of Worthington in the parish of Standish in Lancashire.

Nicholas Worthington of New England was not a Catholic, nor had he a Catholic father. If he had, there would have been no need for him to emigrate. He left England about the time of the Restoration of Charles II, 1660, and he may have been the son of a Puritan who was dispossessed or deprived at that time, perhaps a Puritan minister. The fact that a grandson of Nicholas became a Puritan minister is significant. Ancestry has its effect. The Lancastrian tradition of his origin may be a distorted version of what happened at the Restoration, plus the known fact that the Worthingtons originated in southern Lancaster.

The Worthingtons of Crawshaw in Adlington were Catholics. This fact excludes that group of Worthingtons from Nicholas's ancestry. There were Puritans in Lancashire, but apparently not in the great families like the Worthingtons.

In the *Diary of Doctor John Worthington*, 3 vols., Chetham Society, pp. 1-2, is an account of the Worthington family, said to have been taken from or founded upon Collier's *Historical Dictionary*, printed in 1701. Collier wrote that branches of the Lancaster Worthingtons settled at Welburn and Braunston in Lincolnshire, also in Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire. William Worthington of Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, died Feb. 17, 1507 and was buried in St. Edward's church in Cambridge, where he had a marble monument. Another William Worthington was high sheriff of Cambridgeshire in 1566. Another Worthington, a candidate for M.A. at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, is recorded as having "received a bad blow in the eye while playing tennis." Cambridge University was a center of Puritanism and a Puritan Worthington might well have

been educated there. The above-mentioned entry in the Diary of Miss Juliana Smith of Sharon, Conn., written in 1779 may be thought to support the theory of the origin of Nicholas Worthington here expressed.

1. NICHOLAS¹ WORTHINGTON, born in England, probably several years before 1643; died at Hatfield, Mass., Sept. 6, 1683; married first, probably in Hartford, Connecticut, before Feb. 12, 1669/70, SARAH (BUNCE) WHITE, daughter of Thomas, Sr., and Sarah Bunce of Hartford, and widow of Sergt. John White Jr. of Hatfield; born ———; died at Hatfield, June 20, 1676; married second, probably at Hatfield about 1677, SUSANNAH ———; who married second, about 1684, Capt. Jonathan Ball of Springfield, and died there March 9, 1727. Captain Ball died May 21, 1741.

Nicholas Worthington is said to have located at Saybrook, Conn., at first, but of this no evidence has been discovered. The earliest clear evidence of his presence in Connecticut is at Hartford. "At a Court held May 14, 1668 at Hartford, John Winthrop Governor, Jacob White and Nicholas Worthington were nominated for freemen." A list of freemen living on the South Side of Hartford, dated Oct. 13, 1669, includes "Jacob White and Nick: Wordinton."*

At the time of his marriage he settled upon the estate of John White, Jr., in Hartford, who had removed to Hatfield previously, agreeing to pay White's children certain legacies or allowances fixed by the Court at Northampton. White's widow and children returned to their relatives at Hartford, but about 1672 approximately, or a little later, Nicholas Worthington and his wife removed to Hatfield and settled on the allotment of John White, Jr., on the present Elm Street, a short distance from the Northampton road, or fronting upon that road. The township of Hatfield consisted of territory of the township of Hadley which lay on the west side of the Connecticut River. Before March 25, 1661, twenty-five men agreed to settle there with their families, of whom sixteen, including John White, Jr., took up their residence there. They were thinking about being a town separate from Hadley by 1665, but not until 1667 was a petition sent to the General Court. They obtained their wish in 1670. In 1668 they agreed to build a small meeting house with turret and bell. Before Nov. 25, 1670, they had settled Mr. Hope Atherton of Dorchester as their minister. He died June 8, 1677, and they then had as their second minister Nathaniel Chauncey, son of Rev. Charles Chauncey, president of Harvard College. They had a school by 1678-81 and Harvard-educated men as teachers.

* Colonial Records of Connecticut, vol. 2.

Such was the little community to which Nicholas Worthington and wife went. Only six of the males were members of any church, but all were like-minded in their proceedings.*

The prior date of the first marriage of Nicholas Worthington is determined by two dates. When the Second Church of Hartford was gathered Feb. 12/22, 1669/70, Sarah Worthington and others called "Children of the church" manifested "their desire of joining with us in our distinct estate and accordingly owned the covenant."† This does not mean that Sarah Worthington was a child, for she was a married woman. As baptized daughter of Thomas and Sarah Bunce, she came under the watch and care of the new Church. She "owned the covenant" that she might obtain baptism for her children. The other date is March 9, 1669/70, when a census of grain and persons was made in the three original towns of the Connecticut Colony. At this time Nicholas Worthington had a family of five persons, himself, wife, her two children by White and his own son William, then an infant. Their supply of English grain and Indian corn was small.

In a Court proceeding of Hampshire County, dated March 28, 1670, Nicholas Worthington is styled "of Hartford." At a Court held at Northampton on March 30, 1675, "Nicholas Worthington freed for the present from military exercise by reason of Lameness."‡ This disability was not permanent, for in May, 1676 he marched with others from the valley towns in the heroic expedition which under Captain Turner engaged the Indians at the Falls in Millers River near where it flows into the Connecticut River, in which Turner was killed. For an account of this, see an article§ upon Joseph Crowfoot of Springfield, who was in this expedition.

The Bay Colony then had no money with which to pay pensions. It was the custom to award grants of land in recognition of service of value. Some sixty years after the Falls fight, a township called Falltown, which included the present Bernardston and parts of Colerain and Leyden, was awarded to the survivors and their heirs. In 1736 the survivors were very few. A list of the claimants exists in the Massachusetts Archives. The sons of deceased soldiers added the names of their fathers, "William Worthington, Colchester, son of Nicholas Worthington."¶

Nicholas Worthington took the oath of allegiance, Feb. 8, 1678-9, and on April 19, 1679, he took the constable's oath at Hatfield.††

* Judd, *History of Hadley*, pp. 78 ff.

† Parker, *History of Second Church*, Hartford, p. 48.

‡ Old Hampshire Court Records, vol. 1, p. 162.

§ *American Genealogist*, vol. 16, p. 148.

¶ *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, vol. 41, p. 215.

†† Old Hampshire Court Records, vol. 1, p. 199.

The settlements of the estates of John White, Jr., and Nicholas Worthington occupy much space upon the records of the Old Hampshire County Court. On March 27, 1666, the Court settled one-third of White's estate upon his widow and two-thirds upon his two children, the eldest to have a double portion, after the debts were paid. At this time the debts were not known. Some five years later, John White, "father to said deceased and Thomas Bunce Senior, his relict's father," presented to the Court the amount of the debts. These being deducted, it was found that the free estate amounted to £251, which was distributed, to the widow and to John and Sarah, her children, to be paid them when of age. At the same time, March 27, 1671, "Nicholas Worthington, who had married the sd John White's widow and her right on condition of being possessed of sd Jno Whites land and houses in Hartford in Connecticut jurisdiction agreed and covenanted with sd administrators to John Whites estate to make payment of the abovesd legacies." Thus Nicholas took upon himself the paying of £251, a heavy load. But young John White, who was born about 1663, came of age in 1684, when Nicholas had been dead about a year. The Worthington estate, inventoried Dec. 21, 1683, was appraised at £173 in personal property, horse, cow, sow, hay in the barn, tools for farming. House and land in Hartford, £64. Appraisers at Hartford reported that the house was decayed, but the barn was not. After the debts were paid, there remained but £120. Of this the widow Susannah Worthington was assigned a third out of the movable estate and the use of the whole estate until the children come of age. Thus the widow's share was £40 and the children's £80, out of which William's share was £32 and those of the others £16 each. It was ordered that William Worthington shall be possessed of the lands and house in Hartford, out of which his own portion is to be set out to him, payment made by him of his brothers' and sister's portions.

Court of March 31, 1685. John White heir to John White deceased estate in Hatfield and now of age to receive his right, complains that the housing and fences are much out of repair. The Court orders for him seven pounds, to be paid out of Nicholas Worthington's estate by his administrators, provided they deliver Whites (?) estate at Hartford to Worthington's children. On Jan. 9, 1693, it was discovered that there were debts of nearly £100 and the portions of the widow and children were again reduced, the widow's share £25, William's £20 and three children £10 each. On Jan. 18, 1693, the Court accepted and approved this distribution.* William Worthington was now of age and in possession of the Hartford estate, which he soon

* Old Hampshire Probate Records, vol. 1, pp. 233, 245-6, 239-40, 250; vol. 3, p. 108; and files.

occupied. It was in the South parish of Hartford, perhaps near the house of Elder John White on Governor Street, the Elder having died in January, 1683-4.

Children:

2. WILLIAM², b. 1669-70; bapt. July 23, 1671* by Rev. John Whiting, minister of the Second Church; m. MEHITABEL (GRAVES) MORTON. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. — MORTON. MARY, b. Jan. 24, 1673/4† in Hartford; bapt. Oct. 8, 1676 at Second Church; d. young, as no more is heard of her.
3. JONATHAN, b. about 1677; m. ELIZABETH SCOTT; second MRS. EXPERIENCE FOWLER.
4. JOHN, b. Aug. 17, 1679; m. MARY PRATT.

2. WILLIAM² WORTHINGTON (*Nicholas*¹), born in Hartford, Conn. in 1669-70; died in Colchester, Conn., May 22, 1753 aged 83 years; married about 1693-4, MEHITABEL (GRAVES) MORTON, born in Hatfield, Mass., Oct. 1, 1671, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Church) Graves of Hatfield and widow of Richard Morton, Jr., of Hatfield. Isaac Graves was slain by Indians at Bloody Brook in Deerfield, Mass. Richard Morton, Jr., and Mehitabel Graves were married Jan. 29, 1690. He died at Hatfield, Feb. 1, 1692-3; son of Richard and Ruth Morton of Hartford and Hatfield, a blacksmith.

A census of persons and grain supplies was taken in the three original towns of the Connecticut Colony in March, 1669-70.‡ *Nicholas Worthington* then had a family of five consisting of himself, wife Sarah, and her two children by John White, Jr., and one child by *Nicholas Worthington*, all living in Hartford. This proves that William Worthington was born before March 9, 1669-70. Not very long after William's birth, his parents must have removed to Hatfield and taken possession of the estate of John White, Jr., Mrs. Worthington's first husband, who was buried at Hatfield, Sept. 16, 1665. On Sept. 6, 1683 William's father died at Hatfield. On April 2, 1684, by order of the County Court of Old Hampshire County, William Worthington received his share of his father's estate which was £32, 2s., a sum to be sadly diminished by the time he came of age. At the same time John Coleman of Hatfield was appointed guardian to William, and Samuel Partridge to his sister Elizabeth, with power to dispose of their service until they come of age. Young William was probably apprenticed to some farmer in Hatfield. In 1693 he received £20 out of his father's estate and soon married. He settled at this time in Hartford, on the property of his mother's first husband, which had been settled upon her on condition

* Records Second Church, Hartford.

† Hartford Vital Records.

‡ Collections of Connecticut Historical Society, vol. 21; *Wyllys Papers*, p. 107.

of a marriage agreement made when she married Nicholas Worthington.

William Worthington was an active, enterprising young man and soon attracted the notice of his fellow townsmen in the South Parish of Hartford. Dec. 23, 1696, he was chosen chimney viewer and again Dec. 28, 1699. The chimneys of early houses were built of sticks of timber, daubed within and without with clay. Probably in Worthington's time few such chimneys existed, but the old tradition still obtained. Each householder having such a chimney was obliged to have a ladder ready. Such chimneys required constant inspection, as they were a constant fire hazard. The chimney viewers were the first fire department of Hartford. Dec. 29, 1702, he was chosen fence viewer, an important officer in those times, and again in 1708. Dec. 16, 1707, the town voted that "Wm. Worthington have liberty to keep a publique house of Entertainment for Lodging, Victualls, drink and horse meat in this Town." The other inn-keepers were Edward Cadwell, and Thomas Spencer. Worthington was then living on a place in the South Parish which he had bought of Samuel Gilbert in 1709. On Dec. 15, 1713 the town meeting chose him one of the three collectors of the town rates (taxes). In 1695 he was sergeant in the Hartford South company of militia. On Dec. 8 of that year he owned the covenant in the Second Church to secure baptism for his children in due course. Mrs. Mehitabel Worthington was admitted to full communion in this church, March 16, 1711/12.

Not long after this he sold his property in Hartford and removed to Colchester, perhaps in 1715. Here he became a responsible citizen almost at once. He was an appraiser of an estate in 1716; selectman in 1718; grand jurymen, 1719; way warden in 1724; built galleries in the meeting house in 1722-3. His will, dated April 6, 1749, mentions children William, Elijah, Daniel and Mary.

George Sheldon in his *History of Deerfield* (Vol. 1, pp. 158 ff.) gives a list of men in the "Falls Fight under Captain William Turner, May 19, 1676, made up from all available sources, but chiefly from the Massachusetts military Archives." Sheldon includes the name of William Worthington among the soldiers on that occasion. The service belonged to his father, under whom an account of it has been given.

Children born in Hartford, Conn.:*

5. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 5, 1695; m. ELIZABETH MASON; second, TEMPERANCE GALLUP.

* Hartford Vital Records, Barbour Collection, State Library, Hartford.

6. DANIEL, b. May 18, 1698; m. ELIZABETH LOOMIS.
MARY, b. Sept. 23, 1701; m. DANIEL JONES; second, CAPT. BENJAMIN LATHROP of Norwich.
- MEHITABEL, b. July 19, 1706; probably died young.
7. ELIJAH, b. June 16, 1710; m. MARY WELLS.

ELIZABETH² WORTHINGTON (*Nicholas*¹), born about 1672. She was still Elizabeth Worthington in 1693 at the time of the final settlement of her father's estate. Boltwood's *Hadley Genealogies*, printed with Judd's *History of Hadley*, states that she married ——— MORTON, but no authority is given. It is to be supposed that she would have married one of the sons of Richard, Sr., and Ruth Morton of Hadley, but all the sons appear to have found other mates save the second John, born in 1674. This John Morton is said by Boltwood to have died young. It is possible that this John Morton survived and married Elizabeth Worthington, but this is pure conjecture.

3. JONATHAN² WORTHINGTON (*Nicholas*¹), born in Hatfield, Mass. in 1677; died ———; married Feb. 19, 1708, ELIZABETH SCOTT, daughter of John and Sarah (Bliss) Scott of Suffield, then under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, but belonging to Connecticut since 1749; she died Sept. 18, 1743; married second March 21, 1744, MRS. EXPERIENCE FOWLER, widow of Christopher Fowler.

Jonathan Worthington resided in West Springfield. His descendants have continued in the town of Agawam, Mass.

Children:

ELIZABETH³, b. Feb. 17, 1710; m. SAMUEL GAYLORD of Hadley; she d. 1759.

MARGARET, b. Feb. 2, 1712; m. Dec. 1, 1732 (Nov. 10, 1734 is also given as the date of the marriage), JONATHAN PURCHASE, b. at Salem, Mass., Feb. 4, 1710, son of Thomas and Hannah (Cook) Purchase of Salem (*Thomas, Thomas*). Jonathan and Margaret Purchase lived in Wallingford, Conn., but removed to (West) Springfield in later life.

JONATHAN, b. June 17, 1715; m. MARY PURCHASE.

NICHOLAS, b. July 26, 1717; d. Feb. 23, 1720.

WILLIAM, b. Jan. 16, 1720; m. SARAH ROGERS.

AMY, b. Nov. 3, 1725; d. Sept. 20, 1743.

4. JOHN² WORTHINGTON (*Nicholas*¹), born in Hatfield, Mass., Aug. 17, 1679; died Dec. 30, 1744 aged 66; married May 22, 1713, MARY PRATT, daughter of John Pratt, Esq., of Saybrook, Conn., born May 24, 1677; died in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 29, 1759, aged 72 [a discrepancy of ten years].

John Worthington resided in Springfield, Mass., where he owned a large tract of land, partly included in the present city of Springfield. The first street laid out in that city, other than

the Main Street, was laid out through this land. He was lieutenant of one of the companies of the Old Hampshire regiment, and an important man in his time.

Children born in Springfield:

JOHN, b. Oct. 26, 1714; d. March 1, 1717.

JOHN, b. Nov. 24, 1719; m. HANNAH HOPKINS; second, MARY STODDARD.

TIMOTHY, b. July 1, 1722; d. Nov. 25, 1724.

SAMUEL, b. July 11, 1725; d. Dec. 3, 1760; m. SARAH ———.

MARY, b. March 8, 1728; d. March 1731.

SARAH, b. Jan. 27, 1732; m. REV. JOHN HOOKER of Northampton, Mass. She d. April 5, 1817.

5. WILLIAM³ WORTHINGTON (*William², Nicholas¹*), born in Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5, 1695; died in the Pachaug (now Westbrook) parish of Saybrook, Conn., Nov. 16, 1756; married first, Oct. 13, 1720, ELIZABETH MASON, daughter of Major Samuel Mason of Stonington, Conn.; married second, Sept. 20, 1726, TEMPERANCE GALLUP, daughter of William Gallup of Stonington, Conn.

William Worthington Jr. was brought up in Hartford and prepared for college in the Hartford "grammar" School, perhaps assisted by his pastor, the Rev. Thomas Buckingham, who was a graduate of Harvard College in the Class of 1690 and settled as pastor of the Second Church in Hartford in 1694 and continued in that office until his death in 1731. Two of Buckingham's sons graduated from Yale College some years after young Worthington did, and they may have been companions in school at Hartford. Mr. Buckingham must have seen in young Worthington that quality of mind and spirit which qualified him for such education in school and college and ultimately for the Christian ministry. This is the more remarkable from the fact that the immediate environment of his home afforded no promise of such a career. His father was practically an orphan, with little opportunity for schooling, but a man of sobriety and piety of the Puritan type. Of his mother we know nothing except that she was a devout woman from a pious family. We must conclude that young Worthington owed his success in learning to an inherited tendency, perhaps from a rather remote ancestry, or to the careful oversight of his teachers and pastor. He graduated from Yale College in the Class of 1716. The next ten years in his life are a blank to us. Did he go to Colchester with his father and family, continue at college for further study, or read divinity with his pastor or some other minister? At Colchester the Rev. John Bulkeley was pastor, descended from a celebrated line of ministers. He might have read divinity with him. Perhaps he supplied a pulpit somewhere. The time, ten years, between his graduation from college to his ordination was unusu-

ally long. He was ordained pastor of the church at Pachaug (now Westbrook, Conn.) on June 29, 1726. It is possible that the long delay in securing ordination was due to domestic calamity. His first wife Elizabeth Mason had died about 1724 and her child about the same time. He may have spent the years 1720-1726 with the Masons at Stonington. However, this is but conjecture.

Mr. Worthington was a popular preacher and a faithful pastor, with an influence eminently persuasive to good works. Socially he was a man of great blandness, gracefulness and urbanity of manners. Some of his parishioners said that they had but one thing against him; that was, he walked "as if he were a proud man." But Mr. Lay, one of his parishioners, seeing him walking alone in the woods in his usual dignified manner, as when in the presence of others, concluded that his manner in public was natural to him. It is possible that this "natural pride" sprang from knowledge of his grandfather's descent from a gentry family.

Mr. Worthington's four daughters who reached mature life were carefully educated by their father in their studies of books, and as carefully by their mother in domestic employments. To their other accomplishments they added a knowledge of French, which they both read and spoke, if tradition may be believed. Among their children and descendants were noted physicians, congressmen, lawyers, governors, scholars and ministers.

An account of the wedding of William Worthington and Temperance Gallup with the festivities and the Indian guests is gracefully told in "Colonial Ways and Days," by Miss Helen E. Smith, late of Sharon, Conn. Mr. Worthington was invited to preach the Election Sermon before the General Assembly of Connecticut on at least one occasion. What is more remarkable, he and two of his daughters, of whom Temperance was one, visited England. Miss Juliana Smith, daughter of Rev. Cotton Mather Smith and Temperance Worthington of Sharon, Conn., wrote in her Diary of 1779; "When Mamma was with Grandfather Worthington in Boston, England, she heard a great organ, the tones of which rolled like the ocean, and the whole soul melted to its music." Again: "When my mother and Aunt were in England, they were hospitably entertained at the country seats of some of my Grandfather's relatives there, and now we are told that one of them, who was an officer of the King's troops, and was an Ensign then, is now a Major and is sick and a Prisoner in the hands of the Continentals. My father will use every effort to have him brought to us, and then it is possible we may secure an exchange for my uncle Ely who holds the same rank in our Army, and is now a Prisoner at New York." (The effort failed.)

It is probable that during his visit to England, he obtained, by purchase or gift, the ancient silver tankard, bearing the Worthington arms, which descended in the Chauncey family of Durham, Conn.

Inscription upon a tombstone at Westbrook, Conn.:

"In Memory of
Ye Rev. William Worthington
First minister of ye
West Parish of Saybr
ook who died Nov. 16
A.D. 1756 In ye 61st year
of his age & ye 31st
Year of his ministry
who lived Beloved and died
much lamented by all
who were happy in
his acquaintance."

Children, born in Saybrook, Conn.:

MARY, b. Aug. 18, 1721; m. HON. AARON ELIOT of Killingworth, Conn.

SYBIL, b. Nov. 9, 1723; d. Feb. 23, 1724.

ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 27, 1728; m. COL. SAMUEL GALE; second, REV. ELNATHAN CHAUNCEY of Durham, Conn.

SARAH, b. April 3, 1730; d. June 15, 1732.

TEMPERANCE, b. April 15 or 18, 1732; m. DR. MOSES GALE; second, REV. COTTON MATHER SMITH of Sharon, Conn.

SARAH, b. May 19, 1734; m. COL. JOHN ELY.

MEHITABEL, b. Sept. 11, 1736; m. MICHAEL HOPKINS of Amenia, N. Y.

8. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 21, 1740; m. ELIZABETH LYNDES.

Authorities: Beers, *History of Middlesex County, Conn.*; Articles on the churches of Saybrook and Westbrook; Samuel G. Goodrich, *Recollections of a Life-Time*, vol. 1, p. 537; Helen E. Smith, *Colonial Days and Ways*, New York, Century Company, 1900; Goodwin's *Genealogical Notes*, Hartford, 1854; Dexter's *Yale Biographies*, vol. 1.

6. DANIEL³ WORTHINGTON (*William*², *Nicholas*¹), born in Hartford, Conn., May 18, 1698; died in Colchester, Conn., March 1, 1784, aged 85 years; married at Colchester, Jan. 3, 1721, Elizabeth daughter of Deacon Samuel Loomis, born Nov. 13, 1702; died Dec. 3, 1789, aged 87.

He was probably a farmer; was surveyor (inspector) of highways in 1727; not active in town affairs. He is chiefly notable for the large number of his children, nineteen, all having the same mother. In the list here given those who died in infancy or childhood are omitted. The total of his descendants of all names must be very large.

Children born in Colchester, Conn.:

ELIZABETH⁴, b. July 24, 1721; m. NEHEMIAH DANIELS, of Hebron, Conn.

9. ELIAS, b. Oct. 31, 1722; m. RHODA CHAMBERLAIN; was Colonel of militia at Colchester.
ASA, b. June, 16, 1724; d. Sept. 10, 1751, unmarried.
SIBYL, b. April 19, 1727; d. May 26, 1828, aged 101; m. ELIJAH SMITH, of South Hadley.
10. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 16, 1729; m. ELIZABETH WELLES.
RHODA, b. Sept. 25, 1730; m. THOMAS¹ SMITH of Hadley (*Joseph², Joseph³, Joseph⁴ and Lydia (Huit) Smith of Hartford, Conn.*). Removed to Williamstown, Mass. Goodwin's *Notes* makes Rhoda and not Sibyl the centenarian; Boltwood's *Hadley Genealogies* states that Rhoda d. May 8, 1784, aged 53.
11. DANIEL, bapt. Aug. 19, 1733; m. in 1772 MARGARET PARSONS, daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Bliss) Parsons of Palmer, Mass.; removed to Belchertown, Mass.; served as a private under Capt. Nathaniel Dwight in the relief of Fort William Henry in 1757.
SARAH, b. Nov. 27, 1734; d. Feb. 19, 1799; m. MAJOR JOSIAH LYMAN of Belchertown, Mass., who d. in Goshen, Mass., Nov. 18, 1822; the first white born in Belchertown.
12. JACOB, b. Feb. 2, 1735/6; d. Sept. 25, 1765; m. PHOEBE BURCHARD.
TABITHA, b. Nov. 25, 1738; m. Nov. 9, 1758, DANIEL SKINNER, JR. of North Bolton (now Vernon), Conn., son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hitchcock) Skinner. Deacon Aaron Skinner was his uncle, Aaron Jr. his cousin.
ABIGAIL, b. March 10, 1740; m. BENJAMIN MATHER of Lyme, Conn., as second wife.
AMY or ANNA, b. April 19, 1741; m. NOAH SAXTON of West Parish, Colchester; second, ——— WALKER of Belchertown, Mass.
MEHITABEL, b. July 1, 1742; d. Aug. 16, 1816; m. DEACON AARON SKINNER of Shelburne, Mass.
13. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 29, 1745; d. at Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 5, 1822; m. July 5, 1770, SARAH WELLES.
MARY or MOLLY, b. ———; m. Nov. 24, 1761 ORLANDO ROOT of Belchertown, Mass.

7. ELIJAH³ WORTHINGTON (*William², Nicholas¹*), born in Hartford, Conn., June 16, 1710; died in Colchester, Conn., Oct. 13, 1764; married Oct. 4, 1733, MARY WELLES, born July 15, 1716; died about 1789 or 1790; daughter of John and Elizabeth (Chamberlain) Welles of Colchester. Mrs. Mary (Welles) Worthington married second, March 23, 1774, her first cousin, Deacon Israel Wyatt Welles of Colchester, born Dec. 17, 1714, son of Noah Jr. and Sarah (Wyatt) Welles of Colchester. Deacon Israel W. Welles's first wife died Nov. 11, 1772, aged 52.

Oct. 29, 1790: That part of the estate of Capt. Elijah Worthington, deceased, that was under incumbrance of the widow's dower, was distributed to Capt. Elijah Worthington, eldest son; to the heirs of John Worthington, deceased; to son Gad Worthington; to Capt. Dan Worthington.

Elijah Worthington, Sr., was captain of militia, and deputy to the General Assembly of Connecticut from 1757 to 1762, continuously.

Children born in Colchester, Conn.:*

14. ELIJAH⁴, b. Jan. 1, 1736; m. ANNA LOVETT.
MARY, b. June 19, 1739; d. July 29, 1798; m. JOHN HOPSON.
JUDITH, b. Jan. 22, 1742; m. JOHN BULKELEY, JR.
15. JOHN, b. Feb. 17, 1744; m. ABIGAIL WRIGHT.
16. GAD, b. June 11, 1747; m. REBECCA ROBBINS.
17. DAN (twin), b. June 11, 1747; m. LOIS FOOTE.

8. WILLIAM⁴ WORTHINGTON (*William³, William², Nicholas¹*), born in West Parish of Saybrook, now Westbrook, Conn., Nov. 21, 1740; died in Hudson, N. Y.

Nothing of his youth or education has been found. In May 1767 he was appointed by the General Assembly to be lieutenant of the company or trainband in the 7th Regiment of this Colony; confirmed captain in May, 1771; Major in Oct. 1774; Lieutenant Colonel March, 1775. On June 6, 1776 he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the First Battalion, by the Governor and Council of Safety. He was justice of the peace, 1772-1776; deputy from Saybrook to the General Assembly, 1771-1779, 1781-86, 1790-1. In May 1773 he was appointed with others by the General Assembly as a committee to receive sums to be raised by lottery to improve navigation at Saybrook Bar, erect buoys, etc., and to lay out said sums for the purpose aforesaid, according to their best discretion, and if they see cause, to use the stones of the fort at Saybrook for the same purpose.

Beyond these official services little is known of his life. Late in life he appears to have removed to Hudson, N. Y. Reports concerning his marriage are conflicting. One says he married SABRA ———; another that he married ELIZABETH LYNDE; a third says he died a bachelor. He received a pension. No children.

Authorities: Beers, *History of Middlesex County, Conn.* Articles Saybrook or Westbrook; Helen E. Smith, *Colonial Ways and Days*; Lists of U. S. Pensioners.

9. ELIAS⁴ WORTHINGTON (*Daniel³, William², Nicholas¹*), born in Colchester, Conn., Oct. 31, 1722; died there Sept. 23, 1811; married Sept. 19 or 30, 1744, RHODA⁵ CHAMBERLAIN, daughter of William⁴ Chamberlain (*Joseph³, William², Henry¹*) and Sarah daughter of Thomas Day.

Elias Worthington was prominent in Colchester; was Colonel of a militia regiment. His children who died in childhood are omitted in this list.

Children born in Colchester:

18. ELIAS⁵, b. Dec. 25, 1749; m. ANNA MORGAN.
19. JOEL, b. April 21, 1753; m. EUNICE NEWTON.

* All were baptized by Rev. Ephraim Little, pastor of the First Church of Colchester.

20. ASA, b. Oct. 11, 1755; m. LOVINA KELLOGG.
 ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 14, 1757.
 LYDIA, b. Oct. 22, 1760; m. Jan. 23, 1777, ASA NEWTON of Colchester; their son Elias Worthington Newton, kept an inn on the northeast corner of Main Street and Lebanon Road in Colchester.
21. DANIEL, b. Feb. 9, 1766; m. ELIZABETH HAZARD.

10. SAMUEL⁴ WORTHINGTON (*Daniel*³, *William*², *Nicholas*¹), born in Colchester, Conn., Feb. 16, 1729; died in Shelburne, Mass., in 1790; married Dec. 26, 1749, ELIZABETH⁵ WELLES, born in Colchester April 9, 1730; died ———; daughter of John⁴ and Elizabeth (Chamberlain) Welles of Colchester (*Noah*³ *Welles*, *Thomas*², *Hugh*¹).

Samuel Worthington and Elizabeth, his wife, were admitted to the church in Westchester Parish of Colchester, Nov. 3, 1754. Within a year they removed to Shelburne, Mass., where he died.

Children:

Two sons who died in 1754, David and Asa.

22. DAVID⁵, b. July 19, 1755 at Shelburne; m. AFFA GILBERT.
 TEMPERANCE, b. Nov. 1, 1756; m. 1778 SHUBAEL ATHERTON of Shelburne. They removed to Norwich, Conn.; had eight children.
 MOLLY, b. ———; m. ASA NIMS; had seven children; the youngest was Worthington Nims, who lived near Sandusky, Ohio, where Mrs. Molly Nims died, aged 80 years.

11. DANIEL⁴ WORTHINGTON (*Daniel*³, *William*², *Nicholas*¹), born in Colchester; bapt. Aug. 19, 1733; died in Belchertown, Mass.; married in 1772, MARGARET PARSONS, born about 1740; daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Bliss) Parsons of Palmer, Mass., who were married Aug. 15, 1723.

Daniel Worthington, Jr., removed to Belchertown, Mass., where he joined the Church, in 1753. In 1757 he served as a private in the French war, serving under Capt. Nathaniel Dwight in the relief of Fort William Henry. There were at least seven children, five of whom died in infancy.

Children:

AMASA⁵, b. May 9, 1773.
 DANIEL, b. March 1, 1775.

12. JACOB⁴ WORTHINGTON (*Daniel*³, *William*², *Nicholas*¹), born in Colchester, Conn., Feb. 2, 1735/6; died Sept. 25, 1765; married May 29, 1760, PHOEBE BURCHARD, born Dec. 15, 1732; daughter of John and Jane (Hyde) Burchard of Norwich, Conn.

Child:

MARY⁵ or MOLLY, b. July 10, 1761; d. Jan. 18, 1807 at Winchester (Winsted), Conn.; m. 1780 DR. ASAHEL WRIGHT of East Windsor Hill, Conn., b. Feb. 26, 1757; d. Feb. 16, 1834. Dr. Wright m.

second Mrs. Lydia (Worthington) Dutton, b. Jan. 29, 1775; d. at Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 19, 1838; daughter of William and Sarah (Wells) Worthington and widow of William Dutton of Boston, Mass.

13. WILLIAM⁴ WORTHINGTON (*Daniel*³, *William*², *Nicholas*¹), born in Colchester, Conn., Jan. 29, 1745; died in Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 5, 1822; married in Colchester July 5, 1770, SARAH WELLS, born in Colchester, May 14, 1747 (or 1749); died in Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 1, 1825; daughter of Israel Wyatt Wells of Colchester, Conn.

William and Sarah Worthington settled in Belchertown, Mass., at a date not found. On December 1, 1803, William Worthington, with wife and daughters Sarah and Celina were admitted to the church in North Bolton (now Vernon), Conn. Later they removed to Pittsfield, Mass.

Children:

Two sons, Israel and Henry, d. in early childhood.
 LYDIA⁵, b. Jan. 29, 1775; married WILLIAM DUTTON of Boston, b. in Haddam, Conn., Oct. 28, 1773; d. Dec. 1813 in Geneseo, N. Y.; son of Amasa and Mary (Rogers) Dutton; was for many years Editor of the *Boston Transcript*. Mrs. Lydia Dutton m. second, Dr. Asahel Wright and d. at Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 19, 1838.
 SARAH, b. Dec. 2, 1776; d. at Springfield, Mass., Aug. 10, 1862; m. IRA WEST of Pittsfield, Mass.
 CELINA (or Caroline), b. Sept. 14, 1779; d. at Hinsdale, Mass., July 23, 1862; m. ASA PIERCE of Hinsdale, Mass.
 THEODOSIA, b. Oct. 13, 1781; d. Oct. 6, 1862; m. JOHN SANFORD of Somers, Conn.
 WILLIAM, b. July 24, 1784.
 FRANK or Francis, b. Nov. 29, 1787.
 ORRA, b. June 24, 1790; m. BEZALIEL SANFORD of Somers, Conn.

14. ELIJAH⁴ WORTHINGTON, JR. (*Elijah*³, *William*², *Nicholas*¹), born in Colchester, Conn., Jan. 1, 1736; died there July 15, 1797; married April 29, 1756, ANNA LOVETT, born March 23, 1739/40; died at Colchester March 19, 1814 aged 76; daughter of Rev. Joseph and Anna (Holmes) Lovett of the Salem parish of Colchester. Some say that he married Anna Morgan, which is believed to be an error.

Elijah Worthington, Jr., was commissioned ensign of the 7th Company of the 2nd Regiment of Militia by the General Assembly in May, 1771; lieutenant in Oct. 1773; captain in May 1775.

Children born in Colchester, Conn.:

ELIZABETH⁵, b. Jan. 15, 1757; d. April 6, 1795; m. ISRAEL FOOTE, JR.
 MOLLY, b. Oct. 16, 1758; d. Nov. 10, 1758.
 23. ERASTUS, b. May 8, 1761; m. ANN TAINTOR.
 24. ELIJAH, 3rd, b. Dec. 6, 1765; m. SARAH P. LEWIS.
 25. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 25, 1768; m. MARY A. BULKELEY.

26. JUSTIN, b. July 29, 1770; m. SALLY SPARROW.
 ANNA, b. Jan. 24, 1775; m. CHARLES DAY.
 27. ARTEMAS, b. Dec. 11, 1777; m. CLARISSA WORTHINGTON.

15. JOHN⁴ WORTHINGTON (*Elijah*³, *William*², *Nicholas*¹), born in Colchester, Conn., Feb. 17, 1744; died there April 10, 1783; married Jan. 4, 1770, ABIGAIL WRIGHT, born June 25, 1746; died Sept. 28, 1795; daughter of Dudley Wright of Colchester, who was deputy to the General Assembly 1759-1765 continuously.

Children born in Colchester:

28. DUDLEY⁵, b. Aug. 18, 1770; m. NANCY SWAN; second, SARAH REID.
 29. JOHN, bapt. Feb. 12, 1772; m. his cousin, LYDIA BULKELEY; daughter of John and Judith (Worthington) Bulkeley.
 SOPHIA, b. 1774-6; m. ———.
 30. RALPH, b. June 4, 1778; m. CLARISSA CLARK.
 31. GEORGE, b. Jan. 11, 1781; m. CLARISSA DAVIS.
 32. ELIJAH, 4th, b. 1782-3; m. EUNICE BARTLETT.
 ABIGAIL, b. 1785?; m. ——— WATROUS.

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THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD COLCORD OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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58. DAVID⁵ COLCORD, blacksmith, date of birth unknown, died at Prospect, Maine, Jan. 9, 1828; married EUNICE PARSONS, apparently a granddaughter of Josiah and Eunice (Sargent) Parsons of Newmarket. She died Aug. 13, 1826.

David was a private in Capt. James Hill's Company during the Revolution. He was at Pierce Island in November 1775. (NHPSP xiv, xvii.) According to family legend, he was at the Battle of Bunker Hill and witnessed the surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga. In the 1790 census he resided at Newmarket with three males over 16, seven males under 16, and three females. In 1793 David disposed of his mansion house and blacksmith shop at Newmarket, removed to Tamworth, and later to Ossipee. In the winter of 1798 his son David with young wife and child traveled through the wood trails to Prospect, Maine, in a "robin's-egg-blue pung." Young David must have sent back good reports of employment with shipyards springing up, for in 1801 his parents and the rest of the family followed. David, Sr., bought 100 acres in uncleared land on the shore of Goose Pond in what is now North Searsport, and proceeded to set up his blacksmith shop, where he worked at "ironing" ships.

Issue:

- 100 i. DAVID⁶, Jr., b. April 7, 1778; m. (1) at Tamworth, Aug. 27, 1797, REBECCA SMART; m. (2) REBECCA (ELLIS) HARRIMAN. David's son James was father of Roswell Keyes Colcord (April 25, 1839-October 30, 1939), who was Director of the former Mint at Carson City, Nevada (1898-1911), and who served (1890-1894) as Governor of Nevada. Described at his death as the oldest former Governor of a State, he lived to celebrate his 100th birthday. Authorities for biography are cited as: *Who's Who in America*, Vol. VII and Samuel P. Davis, ed., *History of Nevada*, (1913) I, 233.
- 101 ii. BENJAMIN, b. 1779; d. at Prospect, July 27, 1831; m. at Belfast, Me., Jan. 15, 1801, ABIGAIL PARK, "both of Prospect." She was b. Mar. 17, 1775 and d. July 21, 1863.
- 102 iii. CHASE, m. ABIGAIL LANPHER.
- 103 iv. WILLIAM, d. June 1, 1826; m. at Bangor, Jan. 3, 1810, SALLY JANE AMES, "both of Prospect." She m. (2) Jonathan Staples.
- 104 v. JOHN, m. AMELIA LONDON PARK.
- 105 vi. EUNICE, m. Aug. 26, 1802, CAPT. AUGUSTUS LANPHER.
- 106 vii. POLLY, m. at Bangor, Dec. 24, 1812, JOSIAH TOWLE, "both of Prospect."

59. SAMUEL⁵ COLCORD, born at Newmarket about 1750; died at Nottingham, March 25, 1824; married (1) Sept. 9, 1772, MARY PEARSON, who was mother of his children; m. (2) March 3, 1805, ANNA ROBINSON, who was living in 1827. A biography of Samuel appears in the *History of Nottingham*. In the 1790 census he appears with 1 male over 16, 4 males under 16, and 4 females.

Issue, according to Cogswell's *History of Nottingham*:

- 107 i. SAMUEL⁶, m. (1) at Nottingham, Jan. 27, 1801, POLLY TEWKSBURY (Tuxbury); m. (2) at Nottingham, June 5, 1817, HANNAH KNOWLES, b. Oct. 16, 1782.
- 108 ii. JOSIAH, d. at Atkinson, unmarried.
- 109 iii. JONATHAN, removed to Ohio, later Jackson Co., Missouri, where he raised a family.
- 110 iv. CHARLES b. ca. 1784, removed to Ohio and eventually Middleton, Bourbon Co., Kentucky; m. 1824, LOUISA MEDCALF. (W. H. Perrin, *History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky*, p. 528.)
- 111 v. JERUSA, m. Feb. 5, 1795, MARK MALOON of Nottingham.
- 112 vi. NANCY, m. June 2, 1809, MOSES SNOW of Bangor, Me.
- 113 vii. MARY, died unmarried.

61. JOSEPH⁵ COLCORD of Newmarket, born ca. 1754, died at Newmarket Oct. 30, 1839; married (1) FANNY [FRANCES] RUSSELL, who died July 6, 1827, aged 70. Their tombstones are in Colcord Cemetery. Fanny was an English girl who came to America in the ship of her uncle, Captain Armet, and was prevented from returning to England by the outbreak of the American Revolution. An interesting account of her appears in Fitts, *History of Newfields*. Joseph Colcord married (2) at Somersworth, Vermont, Nov. 15, 1829, MRS. MARGARET FOGG.

Joseph Colcord was at the Battle of Bunker Hill, Corporal in

Capt. James' Company on Pierce's Island, November 1775. He was a private in Captain Gilman's Company at Saratoga. His widow received a pension for his Revolutionary service. According to the 1790 census, he was residing at Newmarket with a family thus described: two males over 16, three males under 16 and four females. His will, dated Oct. 1, 1838 and proved Dec. 11, 1839, mentions his wife to whom he bequeaths \$500. On the day his will was made he deeded property to his son, Thomas R. Colcord.

Issue:

- 114 i. THOMAS RUSSELL⁴, b. Oct. 25, 1780, tombstone at Salem, Mass., dated 1833; m. according to Salem Vital Records, Aug. 21, 1810, ESTHER FALEN. According to family data her name was ESTHER M. ROBBINS. She was living a widow in S. Newmarket, aged 60, in 1850.
- 115 ii. JOSEPH, b. March 1781, age 66 in 1850, d. Sept. 21, 1857; m. SALLY JENNESS, b. June 1, 1782, age 66 in 1850, d. Dec. 31, 1872, age 89.
- 116 iii. SALLY, m. WILLIAM SAFFORD of Exeter.
- 117 iv. BETSEY ARMIT, m. COTTON SANBORN BROWN of Concord.
- 118 v. FANNY RUSSELL, m. at Newmarket, June 18, 1817, DANIEL Prescott of Kensington.
- 119 vi. JOHN A. ("Jack"), b. Aug. 31, 1787, residing S. Newmarket in 1850, age 63; d. Jan. 23, 1854; m. at Lee, 1809, COMFORT FOLSOM, age 67 in 1850; d. May 24, 1860.
- 120 vii. CAROLINE, m. at Lee, 1813, JOSIAH WATSON of Nottingham and later Somersworth.

63. LIEUTENANT JOHN⁵ COLCORD, born at Newmarket November 30, 1745; died at Enfield, July 27, 1827; married at Newmarket by Samuel Shepard July 10, 1777, HELENA CARPENTER, born March 17, 1757 at Norwalk, Conn. She was the daughter of Anthony W. Carpenter of Norwalk.

Lieutenant Colcord was an officer of the Continental Army. He enlisted in the American army at the very outset, May 26, 1775, as Sergeant. On Jan. 1, 1776, he was appointed Ensign. On April 2, 1777, by order of the Continental Congress, he was appointed First Lieutenant of Capt. James Norris's Company, in the Second Battalion of New Hampshire troops. This commission, signed by John Hancock, was submitted to the government in support of a pension application in 1819. The 1790 census shows four females in family. In 1779 he received from father by deed half the home farm and dwelling. In 1795 John sold his property to his brother-in-law Nicholas Hersey, and his wife Helena signed the deed. In 1797, then a resident of Canaan, he sold the property which he inherited in Newmarket with the proviso that his "honored mother, Jane Colcord," should continue to dwell in the house during her life-time. A Lieut. Joseph Colcord, of Enfield has been invented. His military career is the same as that of Lieut. John Colcord. *Original* pension application should be examined in this connection.

Issue:

- 121 i. BETSEY ANN⁶, b. June 15, 1778. (A Betsey m. at Kingston, Dec. 26, 1799, EBENEZER MORSE.)
- 122 ii. POLLY CARPENTER, b. Jan. 31, 1780.
- 123 iii. ABIGAIL STEPHENSON, b. Dec. 17, 1781; apparently m. JACOB COCHRAN of Enfield, b. July 9, 1782. (*History of Saco, Maine.*)
- 124 iv. TRISTRAM COFFIN, named after his father's maternal grandfather, b. March 8, 1784; d. 1813, Franklin, Vt.; m. 1810, ANN R. TOWLE.
- 125 v. JOHN CARPENTER, b. Jan. 20, 1787; m. Mrs. ANN R. (TOWLE) COLCORD, widow of his brother, Tristram.
- 126 vi. ANTHONY CARPENTER, b. Dec. 18, 1788, d. Oct. 25, 1878, m. Nov. 26, 1817, RUTH ALDRICH. (Stearns, *History of Plymouth.*)

67. ELIPHALET⁵ COLCORD, cordwainer, born ca. 1756, died at Exeter Jan. 13, 1828 (Jan. 28, 1829?); married at Newmarket Oct. 28, 1791, NANCY, said by *Taylor Genealogy* to be daughter of James and Phebe (Broughton) Hamilton and bapt. April 27, 1760. But pension records show that she was NANCY HALE, married March 27, 1790. She died Dec. 20, 1854 at Brentwood.

Eliphalet was a Revolutionary soldier. In June 1777 he was under Capt. Robert Pike in Lieutenant Joseph Senter's Regiment and marched to Warwick, Rhode Island. He later served in the War of 1812. On Sept. 11, 1838, his widow, Nancy, then of Brentwood, age 76, applied for a pension. The claim was allowed Sept. 18, 1848. According to the 1850 census, she was then living with her son-in-law, Samuel Taylor, and aged 93.

Among issue:

- 127 i. ELIPHALET⁶, Jr., b. 1792, aged 58 in 1850; d. at Exeter, Aug. 13, 1854, aged 62; m. at Exeter, Aug. 29, 1824, OLIVE STEELE, aged 40 in 1850. Mrs. Olive Colcord was living at Exeter in 1872.
- 128 ii. PHOEBE, b. Sept. 11, 1794; d. Nov. 20, 1885; m. SAMUEL TAYLOR. (See *Taylor Genealogy.*)
- 129 iii. A daughter who m. ROBERT STEELE (Directory).

68. PETER⁵ COLCORD, joiner, born at Newmarket, March 7, 1758, died at Epping, Jan. 15, 1836; married, according to family data, JANE COFFIN, who must have died by 1800. He married (2) PHOEBE HAMILTON, born at Portsmouth N. H., Sept. 8, 1759, and died at Exeter, July 7 or 8, 1857, aged 97 years 10 months. She was the daughter of James and Phoebe (Broughton) Hamilton of Portsmouth. Peter, his wife, and two daughters were buried at Central Cemetery, Epping.

Peter Colcord was evidently living at Meredith, N. H. in 1790 with three females in family.

Peter sold his house at Newmarket in 1802. In 1824 Peter and Phebe Colcord of Epping sell land to Benjamin Brown.

Peter Colcord's estate was settled at Epping April 15, 1840 (No. 13891) when Phebe Colcord, widow, had license real to sell right, title and interest in Coffin Estate or Coffin Field (so-called) in Dover, Strafford County. Phebe was living at Exeter Aug. 30, 1850, when she was recorded as aged 80. (A Peter Colcord married Elizabeth Rooks Oct. 23, 1788, at Newmarket. There was only one Peter Colcord in census of 1790).

Issue by Jane:

- 130 i. JANE, m. DAVID WRIGHT of Brookline. *Putnam's Historical Monthly*, III, p. 294. But see Parker's *History of Brookline*, sub Wright.

Issue by Phebe, born at Epping:

- 131 ii. PAMELIA, b. Aug. 1, 1801, residing at Exeter, aged 49, in 1850; d. unmarried Aug. 29, 1865, aged 64 (Shute).
 132 iii. TRISTRAM COFFIN, b. Oct. 15, 1809; d. April 5, 1883; removed to Philadelphia where he changed spelling of name to Colket to conform to the pronunciation of the name at that time; became a prosperous railroad industrialist and financier. For descendants, see *Descendants of Lewis Walker*, second edition.
 133 iv. MARY DOW, b. Feb. 5, 1812; residing at Exeter, aged 38, in 1850; kept a variety store on Water Street, Exeter, 1872; died unmarried Jan. 15, 1883.

69. GIDEON⁵ COLCORD, born ca. 1745, died April 16, 1819, aged 74, at Stratham; married according to family data, MARY MOORE, daughter of William and Abigail (Gilman) Moore of Stratham. His second wife, incorrectly identified by Fitts, was LOIS (JAMES) LYFORD, born Sept. 30, 1739, and died June 21, 1826, aged 86. The marriage intention was recorded at Exeter, July 17, 1799. She was the widow of Theophilus Lyford and daughter of Kinsley James. He was surveyor of Highways in 1788. In the 1790 census he appears as residing at Newmarket with three males over 16, and seven females, in family. By his will dated Jan. 1, 1817 and proved April 22, 1819, he bequeaths to his wife Lois, daughters Rachel Lyford, Mary Giddings, and Abigail Neal.

Issue by first wife:

- 134 i. RACHEL⁵, b. ca. 1777; d. Exeter, May 16, 1852; m. (pub.) Sept. 16, 1797, THEOPHILUS LYFORD, JR.
 135 ii. MARY, b. 1779, d. July 2, 1843, aged 64; m. JOHN GIDDINGS of Exeter.
 136 iii. ABIGAIL, m. ELIPHALET NEAL, b. 1776.

70. NATHANIEL⁵ COLCORD, under 21 in 1773 according to his father's will and therefore born after 1752. The birth date usually given (March 2, 1755) conflicts with the verifiable date

of birth of his brother Josiah. He was undoubtedly born in Newmarket. He married about 1780, RACHEL WHIDDEN, born Nov. 16, 1753. She was a daughter of Ichabod Whidden of Canterbury, N. H., by his third wife, Eunice (Parsons) Mason. See *History of Canterbury*, II, pp. 333-4. The 1790 census shows him residing at Canterbury, N. H. at that date with one male over 16, one male under 16, and four females, in his family. Nathaniel went to Exeter shortly after his marriage. Later we find him in Canterbury, N. H., where he was surveyor in 1791, and about 1794 he removed to Hallowell, Maine.

Issue:

- 137 i. GIDEON⁶ b. at Exeter, March 12, 1782; d. March 27, 1816 on a passage to the West Indies; m. (int.) May 11, 1805, SALLY MASON.
- 138 ii. REBECCA, b. April 24, 1784.
- 139 iii. SALLY, b. at Canterbury, Sept. 24, 1786.
- 140 iv. NATHANIEL, b. at Canterbury, July 10, 1788.
- 141 v. POLLY, b. at Canterbury, June 19, 1790 (June 18[?]); m. Dec. 25, 1816, JOSHUA W. WATSON.
- 142 vi. BETSEY, b. at Hallowell, Me., April 24, 1796; m. JOSEPH WARBURTON.
- 143 vii. NANCY, b. at Hallowell, April 9, 1799.
- 144 viii. A daughter, d. Oct. 14, 1801, aged about 5.

71. JOSIAH⁵ COLCORD, born April 10, 1755, living at Parsonfield, Me., Aug. 20, 1832, aged 77; d. April 5, 1837; married, according to family records, about 1833, MARY SHEPARD, born Aug. 12, 1762, died Aug. 1, 1838. Josiah may have married as his first wife at Epping, March 15, 1781, DEBORAH BARBER. Josiah left a widow Mercy. Whether the name Mary is incorrect or whether Josiah married both a Mary and a Mercy remains to be proved.

Josiah served with his cousins Joseph and David in Capt. James Hill's and Capt. Joseph Parson's Companies. He signed the Association Test in Newmarket in 1776. From *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors* we find a: "Josiah Colcord, private, Capt. Stephen Jenkins' Co., Col. Samuel Johnson's Regt.; enlisted Aug. 18, 1777; discharged Nov. 30, 1777; served 3 mos. 27 days, travel included with Northern Army under Gen. Gates, Roll sworn to in Suffolk Co., Mass." In 1778 he removed to Parsonfield, Maine, and was there in 1790 with one male over 16, one under 16 and four females in family.

In 1832 he applied for and received a pension for Revolutionary services. In 1846 his son Gideon of Parsonfield, aged 57, applied for a continuance of the pension in behalf of himself, Rachel Swett, Abigail Lord, Comfort and Nancy Colcord, unmarried, and John S. Colcord. The pension was not allowed. Date of death of Josiah and of widow agree with family records.

Issue:

- 145 i. RACHEL⁶, b. May 22, 1785; m. STEPHEN SWETT.
- 146 ii. GIDEON, b. May 25, 1787; d. Apr. 11, 1863; m. June 10, 1809,
COMFORT DOE.
- 147 iii. COMFORT, b. April 23, 1789; d. Oct. 12, 1864, unmarried.
- 148 iv. NANCY, b. Oct. 27, 1791; d. Sept. 11, 1866, unmarried.
- 149 v. JOHN S., b. Dec. 7, 1795; d. March 31, 1885.
- 150 vi. ABBEY, b. June 20, 1800; d. Dec. 1868, m. MORRIS LORD, b.
Sept. 29, 1799. They went to Lowell, Mass.
- 151 vii. MERCY S., b. July 29, 1803; d. Dec. 28, 1831, unmarried.
- 152 viii. MARY, b. March 26, 1805; d. March 5, 1845, unmarried.

72. JOB⁵ (Joab) COLCORD, of Newmarket, Stratham, and Parsonfield, Maine, removed to Parsonfield about 1785 where he kept an inn. He was a private in Col. Gilman's Regiment in 1777. In the 1790 census of Parsonfield he appears with two males under 16 and four females. He served in the War of 1812. He died at Parsonfield.

Issue, according to family information:

- 153 i. POLLY⁶, b. ca. 1789; d. at Stratham, May 24, 1806, aged 17.
- 154 ii. HARVEY, resided in Tuftonboro, N. H., and later eastern Maine.
- 155 iii. JOAB, b. Aug. 4, 1793; d. April 14, 1878; m. Dec. 24, 1818,
BETSEY M. TOWLE, b. March 14, 1797; d. Jan. 19, 1867.
- 156 iv. JOSIAH, married NANCY GRIFFETH; removed to New York State.
- 157 v. CHARLES, m. ABIGAIL TOWLE, b. 1799.

73. JEREMIAH⁵ COLCORD, of Newmarket, born at Newmarket Oct. 17, 1760; married (1) at Newmarket, Sept. 27, 1787, SALLY PERKINS, born Oct. 2, 1767, died Feb. 13, 1792. She was the daughter of John Perkins and Elizabeth Osben of Newmarket. Jeremiah Colcord married (2) HANNAH ———, who signed a deed with him in 1796.

Jeremiah Colcord appears in the 1790 census as "Jeremy." There were two males over 16, three males under 16, and four females, in family. Jeremiah lost one leg below the knee and used an artificial leg. He was a licensed retailer 1809-1817. He is said to have died at Parsonfield, Maine.

Issue, by first wife:

- 158 i. JOHN, b. June 9, 1789.
- 159 ii. JEREMY, b. Oct. 26, 1791; d. at Stratham, April 2, 1806,
aged 14.

75. BENJAMIN⁵ COLCORD, born at Newmarket, April 17, 1766 died at Stratham, Jan. 15, 1819 or 1820; married at Northwood, Dec. 28, 1795, HANNAH BATCHELDER, born Nov. 15, 1773, died Nov. 1813, aged 40. She was the daughter of John and Sarah (Murray) Batchelder of Northwood. (Compare *Batchelder Genealogy*, p. 154-5.)

The account book of Benjamin was discovered some years ago, and genealogical information found therein was printed in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 73.

Issue:

- 160 i. SALLY, b. March 10, 1799 (recorded also at Nottingham); d. Sept. 27, 1867; m. at Lee, Oct. 17, 1825, JOSEPH DEMERITT.
- 161 ii. JOSEPH LEAVITT, b. June 8, 1801; presumably the Joseph of Nottingham who married MARY DAME, b. Jan. 21, 1798.
- 162 iii. JOHN P., b. Oct. 13, 1802.
- 163 iv. ELIZA, b. June 18, 1804.

77. SAMUEL⁵ COLCORD of Exeter, born July 5, 1748, died probably at Exeter shortly before November 1804; married (1) at Exeter, July 18, 1773, DEBORAH GILMAN, daughter of Josiah Gilman; married (2) at Exeter, April 21, 1785, ANNA (WALDEN) GILMAN.

Samuel was a member of the Second Church in Exeter. He appears living at Exeter in the 1790 census with four males under 16 and four females. By his will which was dated May 28, 1804 and proved Nov. 29, 1804, he bequeaths to daughter Hannah by his wife Deborah, deceased, furniture which came from her mother and half the pewter, the other half to be divided with her brothers Edward, and Josiah. He also mentions his wife, Anna, and her children, Daniel, Thomas and Anna.

Issue, by first wife:

- 164 i. EDWARD⁶. An Edward Colcord of Gilmanton m. March 26, 1807, SARAH WEEKS.
- 165 ii. HANNAH, (d. at Exeter, July 12, 1861, aged 84!).
- 166 iii. ABIGAIL, apparently deceased by date of father's will.
- 167 iv. JOSIAH.

Issue, by second wife:

- 168 v. DANIEL, b. June 30, 1786; m. MEHITABLE SAMPSON.
- 169 vi. THOMAS, twin, b. June 30, 1786; d. at Exeter, Aug. 4, 1860, aged 74; m. at Exeter, May 23, 1812, JUDITH WIGGINS. Mrs. Thomas Colcord died at Exeter, Nov. 19, 1861, aged 76.
- 170 vii. ANNA.

78. GEORGE⁵ COLCORD, of Exeter, born ca. 1750, living with father unmarried in 1790 census, died at Exeter, July 23, 1825; married at Exeter Dec. 19, 1801, JOANNA JONES, who died at Exeter June 24, 1823, aged 54.

Fitts gives the date of death of George as July 1825, but according to an account given us of the probate of his estate, his will was dated Aug. 23, 1825 and proved Sept. 11, 1825. The will mentions daughter Lydia, wife of Joseph Janverin, and daughters Mary and Deborah, unmarried.

Issue:

- 171 i. LYDIA A.^e, m. at Exeter, Nov. 14, 1822, JOSEPH A. JANVERIN (Janvrain).
- 172 ii. MARY. (Mary W. Colcord, aged 38, in 1850 was living at Exeter with Mary W. Jones, perhaps a grandmother.)
- 173 iii. DEBORAH.

79. HARVEY⁵ COLCORD, of Exeter, died by Oct. 21, 1814 when estate was administered by widow Mary; married at Exeter Oct. 20, 1795, POLLY [MARY] WIGGIN of Exeter.

He and brother George joined the Second Church of Exeter in 1780. He signed petitions in Exeter in 1779 and 1787. The Baptist Church met at his home between 1800 and 1805. He served as a selectman of Exeter from 1809 until his death in 1814.

Issue, according to guardianship papers:

- 174 i. HARVEY⁶, minor over 14 in 1814.
- 175 ii. MARTHA, minor over 14.
- 176 iii. ENOCH S., minor over 14.
- 177 iv. SARAH JANE, under 14 in 1814.
- 178 v. CATHERINE, under 14.
- 179 vi. GEORGE, under 14.
- 180 vii. JUDITH, under 14.
- 181 viii. ELIZABETH, under 14.
- 182 ix. JOANNA, under 14.

80. THOMAS⁵ COLCORD, born according to his pension statement 1761, died after April 8, 1829; married, *circa* 1783, ANN BEAN.

He was a private under Capt. Nathan Brown in Sept. 1776, having enlisted at Candia. In 1780 he was corporal in Col. Nichols' Regiment at West Point. In 1778 he enlisted under Capt. Ezekiel Worthen of Epping, marched to Providence and South Kingston. He was living in Raymond, near Candia, in 1790 with one male under 16 and 4 females.

In 1794, with wife Anna, he sold property in Raymond. He seems to have migrated with his two brothers, Joseph and Stephen (all three of whom married Bean sisters) from Candia to Protectworth, now Springfield, Cheshire County.

On June 27, 1818 Thomas Colcord, aged 57, applied for a pension. The pension was granted but revoked in 1820 because he owned a 96-acre farm and had four children, Sally, Jane, Dolly, and Moses living at home.

Issue (see Hurd's *History of Cheshire and Sullivan Counties*, Part II, p. 345):

- 183 i. MEHITABEL⁶, m. and went to Vermont.
- 184 ii. ABIGAIL BEAN, m. Jan 29, 1818, JOHN JOHNSON, 3rd, of Enfield.
- 185 iii. NANCY, m. JOHN HEATH.

- 186 iv. HANNAH, m. (1) June 1802, ANDREW PENTTINGILL; m. (2) JOHN FIELD, and went West.
- 187 v. DAVID, d. in Springfield; m. MILLY PHILBROOK, b. Feb. 24, 1800.
- 188 vi. SARAH, b. 1797, m. and went to Vermont. A Sally Colcord of Springfield m. April 5, 1812, SAMUEL ROBIE.
- 189 vii. JANE, b. 1799, died young.
- 190 viii. DOROTHY, b. 1802, died young.
- 191 ix. MOSES, b. May 21, 1806 (1804 in father's pension record); m. (1) ANNA RICHARDS, (2) CATHERINE COLE. Moses was the father of Harry Colcord who gained renown for riding on the back of Blondin, noted tight-rope expert, across Niagara Falls in 1859.

81. ENSIGN SAMUEL⁵ COLCORD, of Candia, born *ca.* 1762, died at Candia, Oct. 17, 1842, aged 80; married at Candia June 4, 1794, MRS. SALLY BEAN, who died aged 70.

Samuel went on the bond of his mother, Mehitabel, after the death of his father. In the 1790 census of Candia, he is listed with two males over 16, one male under 16, and two females. He is referred to in the records as "Ensign Colcord" as early as 1804. New Hampshire vital records show that in March 1804 "Ensign Colcord's children died."

The Samuel who appears in the 1850 census of Candia, aged 55, with wife Margaret, aged 54, may have been his son.

82. STEPHEN⁵ COLCORD, of Springfield and Protectworth, married before 1790, ABIGAIL, who is said to have been a BEAN.

According to the 1790 census of Protectworth he had, besides himself, two females in family, probably a wife and daughter.

Issue, first four according to family information:

- 192 i. ELVIRA⁶, m. REUBEN HOYT.
- 193 ii. HANNAH, m. DR. JOSEPH NICHOLS.
- 194 iii. MARY, married and lived in Vermont.
- 195 iv. ABIGAIL, m. JAMES JOHNSON.
- 196 v. MEHITABLE, b. at Springfield according to vital records Sept 5, 1792.

83. JOSEPH⁵ COLCORD of Springfield, married at Epsom, July 30, 1791, SARAH BEAN. Joseph does not appear in the 1790 census unless he is the other male over 16 appearing in the family of his brother, Samuel, of Candia.

Issue, according to family information:

- 197 i. SAMUEL⁶.
- 198 ii. MEHITABEL.
- 199 iii. THOMAS.
- 200 iv. JOSEPH.
- 201 v. DAVID.
- 202 vi. STEPHEN.
- 203 vii. MAHALA.
- 204 viii. DORINDA.

85. EBENEZER⁵ COLCORD, JR., of Brentwood, born 1753, bapt. at Exeter February 18, 1753; died by December 1825; married SARAH ———. Ebenezer signed the Association Test in 1776. Ebenezer's family appears in the 1790 census. Besides himself, there were two males under 16, and two females, in his family. He and wife, Sarah, convey land to Samuel Thyng in 1800. In 1818 his sister, Hannah Wadley, and brother, joined with Sarah "wife of Ebenezer, Ebenezer being insane," in a quit-claim deed to Josiah Colcord. Josiah Colcord here mentioned has not been identified, though he may have been a son. His wife's name was Betsey.

86. JOHN⁵ COLCORD of Brentwood, born November 6, 1756 (Nov. 7?), died January 7, 1825; married at Kingston, May 10, 1787, LYDIA MORRILL. She was living August 12, 1840, aged 77.

John was a Revolutionary soldier, and after his death his widow applied for a pension which was not granted because his service was not long enough. The pension application, however, contains important genealogical information, particularly of his father's children. The following are said to be among John's issue:

- 205 i. JOHN⁶, b. ca. 1788, aged 62 in 1850; m. HANNAH THYNG.
- 206 ii. SARAH, m. at Kingston, Feb. 12, 1812, ENOS DOLE WADLEIGH.

Some English Colcord Records

The compilers are indebted to Captain Walter G. Davis of Portland, Maine, for the following leads in determining the connection between Edward Colcord and Devonshire, England:

Registers of Stoke in Teignhead, co. Devon.

- 1606 Feb. 16 Alexander Colecott and Margerie Gotham, widow.
- 1611 Jan. 20 Richard Hubber and Elizabeth Colecott.
- 1617 Jan. 8 John Padon and Alse Colecot.
- 1620 Feb. 12 John Smith and Agnes Colecotte.
- 1612 Oct. 3 Colecott, John, s. of Alexander, bapt.
- 1613 May 10 Colecott, John s. of Alexander, buried.
- 1618 Dec. 23 Colecott, Jone, buried.

THE ROBINSON FAMILY

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ISAAC¹ ROBINSON, son of Rev. John (*John*) and Bridget (White) Robinson, born probably in Leyden, Holland, in 1610, died in Barnstable, Mass., in 1704, aged ninety-four years. He married first in Barnstable, 27 June 1636, MARGARET HANFORD, born about 1619,* buried in Barnstable, 13 June 1649, daughter of Jeffrey and Eglin (Hatherly) Hanford. He married secondly, about 1650, MARY ———,† who died after 1657.

Isaac Robinson came to America in 1631 in the *Lion*. He was a young man of about twenty-one years of age and it is easy to imagine how Plymouth welcomed this son of their dearly loved and greatly lamented pastor. He was made a freeman in 1633. He did not remain in Plymouth, but went to Barnstable where he was made a member of the church, 7 November 1636, selling his land in Plymouth to John Twisden in 1634. After living in Barnstable for many years, he concluded to leave there and go to the Vineyard, even going so far as to take letters of dismissal to the church there in 1660, but he finally decided to remain in Falmouth where he built a house. He attended some meetings of the Friends with the idea of showing them their error, but became converted to some of their beliefs and, in 1669, Governor Prence disfranchised him for showing too much liberality towards the Quakers. In 1673, he was restored to citizenship by

* 9 April 1635. "In the Planter p'rd: Theis vnder names are to be transported to New England:

Eglin Hanford		46
Margaret Hanford	} two dau-	16
Eliz: Hanford		14 "

† It has often been stated that his second wife was Mary Faunce, one record saying that she was Elizabeth Faunce. The Robinson Genealogy after giving Mary Faunce as the wife adds that she was the daughter of John and Patience (Morton) Faunce and, "a sister of Edward Faunce who married Lettice, a sister of Margaret Hanford." John Faunce married Patience Morton in 1634. If his first child were a daughter she could be only 15 at the time of Robinson's second marriage. John Faunce's daughters married as follows: Priscilla married Joseph Warren; Mary married, 15 July 1638, William Harlow; Patience married, 20 Nov. 1661, John Holmes; Sarah married, Edward Doty; Mercy married, 27 December 1667, Nathaniel Holmes. Davis in *Landmarks of Plymouth* states that John's daughter Elizabeth, born 1648, married Isaac Robinson. She would be about two years old. Apparently by "Edward Faunce" is meant Edward Foster who did marry, 8 April 1635, Lettice Hanford. As he mentions in his will, dated 24 November 1643, his father Richard Scalas, and brother Isaac Robinson, wife Lettice and son Timothy, his wife undoubtedly was the sister of Margaret. In 1643 when Foster refers to "brother" Isaac Robinson, the latter's wife, Margaret, was still living and hence he was a "brother" to Edward Foster. Richard Scalas had married the widow, Eglin (Hatherly) Hanford, and hence was step-father-in-law to Edward Foster. Unless there is a record somewhere of a sister of John Faunce having married Isaac Robinson which has not been found in a comprehensive search, it is best to leave the last name of the second wife a blank, and it should be remembered that no proof has been uncovered that her name was even Mary ———. Isaac Robinson had no daughters by his second wife, but his sons were named Isaac (changed from Israel), Jacob, Peter and possibly Thomas; excepting the last, they do not suggest the Faunce family.

Governor Winslow. In May 1671, he was admitted a proprietor of the new settlement at Takemmy but soon after became identified with the town of Tisbury. He lived to be very old. In November 1701, he sold his homelot to his son Isaac (formerly Israel) and went to Barnstable to visit his daughter, remaining there until his death.

Judge Sewall visited Barnstable while he was living there and met him; he writes of him: "He saith he is 92 years old: is the son of Mr. Robinson pastor of the Ch. of Leyden, part of w^{ch} came to Plimo: but to my disappointment he came not to New England until after the settlement of Boston. I told him I was very desirous to see him for his fathers sake and his own. Gave him an Arabian piece of gold to buy a book for Some of his grand-children." (*Sewall's Diary, ii.*)

He left no will and no administration was taken on his estate.*

Children, born in Barnstable and Falmouth, Mass.:

By first wife, Margaret Hanford,

- i. SUSANNA², baptised 27 January 1637-38, died young.
- ii. JOHN, baptised 5 April 1640, died in Connecticut, after 1714; married "about ye middle of May" 1667, Barnstable, ELIZABETH WEEKS, born about 1645, died ———, daughter of William and Mary (Lynde) Weeks. Children (Robinson), born Falmouth, Mass., (1) *John*, born 20 March 1668-69; (2) *Isaac*, born 16 January 1669-70; (3) *Timothy*, born 30 October 1671; (4) *Abigail*, born 20 March 1674; (5) *Fear*, born 16 May 1676; (6 & 7) *Joseph* and *Mercy*, born 31 March 1679; (8) *Mary*, baptised with all the preceding children, 21 October 1688; (9) *A son*, (*Love*†), born 12 December 1683, died 1 May 1688.
- iii. ISAAC, baptised 7 August 1642, drowned 6 October 1668, Barnstable; married 1666, ANNE ———.
- iv. FEAR, baptised 26 January 1644-45, died after 1704, Norwich, or Windham, Conn.; married REV. SAMUEL BAKER, born 2 October 1638, Hull, Mass., died before 7 June 1715, son of Rev. Nicholas Baker. He married secondly, ABIGAIL (LATHROP) HUNTINGTON, daughter of Samuel Lathrop and widow of John Huntington. Children (Baker), by first wife, Fear, (1) *John*, born 15 October 1672; (2) *Nathaniel*, born 1679; (3) *Mary*, born probably about 1681; (4) *Grace*, born probably about 1683; (5) *Mercy*, born about 1685.
- v. MERCY, baptised 4 July 1647, died after 1687; married 16 March 1668-69, Falmouth, WILLIAM WEEKS, of Falmouth. She received a legacy from Myles Standish,† and in September 1667 receipted for one from her great-uncle Mr. Timothy Hatherly. Children (Weeks), born Falmouth, (1) *Mary*, born 16 January 1669-70; (2) *Mehtabel*, born 16 October 1671; (3) *Sarah*, born 6 May 1674; (4) *Experience*, born 24 June

* Barnstable County was established from Plymouth in 1686, but the deeds of this county were destroyed by fire. There may have been some division of his property, or he may have made over his property by deed after 1686.

† "further my will is that marcye Robinson whome I tenderly love for her Grandfathers sake shall have three pounds in som thing." (*The Mayflower Descendant* 3:154.)

- 1677; (5) *Mercy*, born 24 April 1679; (6) *Jonathan*, born 1 May 1681; (7) *Benjamin*, born 4 April 1685; (8) *Lydia*, born 30 June 1687.
- vi. MARGARET, born June 1649, baptised 1649, died young. Her mother died a week after she was born.

By second wife, Mary [?],

- vii. ISAAC, baptised 5 October 1651, called Israel, but his name changed when his brother Isaac was drowned, died 1 June 1728, Tisbury, Mass., without issue; married ANNE COTTLE, born 3 March 1672-73, died 1737. He left his property to an adopted son, Sylvanus Cottle, a nephew of his wife.
- viii. JACOB, baptised 5 May 1653, died 13 March 1728; married (1) MARY ———; married (2) before 1714, EXPERIENCE ROGERS, born 22 June 1673, died after 19 November 1733, daughter of William and Martha (Barnard) Rogers. Children (Robinson), (1) *Jacob*, born 11 April 1700; (2) *Isaac*, born probably about 1704, died 26 December 1781, aged 77 years, unmarried; (3) *Mary*, born about 1707.
- + ix. PETER, born 1655-56; married MARY MANTER and EXPERIENCE ———.
- x. THOMAS, born March 1657. Various authorities state that he went to Guilford, Conn., and a deed of a Thomas Robinson of Guilford, carpenter, to Samuel Smith of the Vineyard, 19 June 1706, is found in the Edgartown Deeds. But an account of Mr. Thomas Robinson of Guilford and his descendants published 1902, shows conclusively that he was present in the town in 1665 so could not be Thomas, the son of Isaac. Mr. Thomas Robinson of Guilford had also a son Thomas, born about 1660-1668. (*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 54:57.)

LIEUTENANT PETER² ROBINSON, son of Isaac¹ (*Rev. John, John*) and Mary (——) Robinson, born probably in Falmouth, Mass., 1655-1656, died in Windham, Conn., between 6 February and 15 April 1740. He married first in Martha's Vineyard about 1686, MARY MANTER, born about 1665, died before 1698, daughter of John and Martha (Lombard) Manter. He married secondly, probably in Martha's Vineyard, about 1698, EXPERIENCE ———, born 1672, died 20 April 1727, aged fifty-five years, Windham, Conn.*

Peter Robinson was a selectman of Tisbury in 1689, 1696, 1698, and 1699, serving the town as its constable in 1692. In 1702, he was town treasurer. Between 1702 and 1706 he moved to Chilmark.

On 21 June 1707, John Clark Sr., and John Clark Jr., both of Norwich, Conn., sold land there on the east side of the Shockett river (now in Preston), about 120 acres, to Peter Robin-

* "Here lies the body of Experience Robinson ye wife of Peter Robinson who died April 30, 1727, aged 55 years" (*Palmerstown Cemetery*.) The Robinson Genealogy states that she was Experience Manter, niece of Mary and daughter of John Manter Jr. but as John Manter, Jr., was born in 1638, he would have to marry at the age of thirteen in order to be father of Experience.

son of Chilmark in Dukes Co., in Martins Vineyard in Massachusetts Bay for which he paid them one hundred and seven pounds. (*Norwich Deeds*, 1:226.)

The Preston North Society was set off in 1716, after which, Peter is called of Preston. He removed from Preston to Windham about 1723.

On the 13 March 1722-23, Peter Robinson of Preston bought land in Windham, fifty acres, from Jeremiah Ripley of Windham, and two hundred and two acres from Jonathan Genings of the same place. (*Windham Deeds*, F:92, 93.)

Thomas Leffingwell of Norwich, Merchant, for £290, sold to Peter Robinson of Preston land in Windham, 13 May 1723. (*ibid.* F:104.)

Jonathan Genings of Windham, for £111, sold to Peter Robinson of Preston, 202 acres of land in Windham, 13 March 1722-23. (*ibid.* F:93.)

Peter Robinson of Windham for £8 sold a small piece of land there 7 December 1725. (*ibid.*, G. 59.)

"I Peter Robinson of Windham . . . for . . . the love and parental affection that I have and Do bear to my Son peter Robinson In the Town . . . affors^d . . . Give . . . unto the S^d peter Robinson . . . a Certain tract of land . . . the Remaining part of my half lot that I purchased of m^r Leffingwell" [bounding on land he sold to Sarah Singletery, etc.], 7 December 1725. Acknowledged by "M^r peter Robinson." (*ibid.* F:440.)

On 31 December 1726, he gave property to his son Thomas Robinson; on 2 January 1726-27, to son Simeon; on 14 February 1727-28, to son Benjamin and on this same date to his son Israel Robinson.

He gave the residue of his land to his two youngest sons in 1729.

"I Peter Robinson of Windham . . . In Consideration of the Love goodwill and parental affection that I . . . do bear unto my two sons Joseph Robinson and Isaac Robinson both of Windham . . . to gether with an obligation or bond Duly executed under the hand and seale of the s^d Joseph Robinson & Isaac Robinson bareing even Date with these presents wherein the s^d Joseph . . . & Isaac . . . have . . . obliged themselves to the performance of Several Duties . . . to My full Satisfaction . . . Confirme unto them . . . In Equal proportion . . . all my Land and Teniments with all the buildings . . . thereon . . . in . . . Windham . . . Lying in two peices one of which . . . I purchased of Ensⁿ Thomas Leffingwell on which my dwelling house now standeth . . . about one hundred acres the other tract I purchased of Jonathan Genings . . . about ninety acres," 19 May 1729. (*ibid.* G: 72.)

Isaac and Joseph Robinson divide the land and buildings they own in common there in two pieces, "conveyed to us by our Hond

ffather Peter Robinson of S^d Windham," 23 January 1729-30. (*ibid.* G: 81.)

There are various other deeds whereby the brothers convey the land they have been given to each other in 1730 to 1737, and as their father was still living, probably he concurred in their transfers, having no objection to their arranging their holdings to best suit their individual needs. In one such deed he joins:

"we peter Robinson Joseph Robinson and Isaac Robinson all of Windham . . . for . . . Eighty pounds . . . payed . . . by Israel Robinson of the same town . . . Confirm unto him . . . two peices of Land . . . In . . . Windham" [in all about 88 acres], 13 April 1730. (*ibid.* G: 92) And on the same day Israel confirms to Joseph and Isaac his share of a certain lot of 100 acres in Windham.

Lieut. Peter Robinson died testate.

Know all men by These presents That I Petar Robinson of Wendham In ye County of Wendham In ye Colony of Connecticut In New England do heareby make and ordain this my last Will and Testement and as to ye worldly Estate wherewith It hath pleased God to Bless me with I Give Demise and Dispose of ye same In ye Following manar and form

Imp I Give and bequeath to my five youngest Daughtars namly Mary Rodah: Martha Elezebeth and Anne thirty pounds to Each of them to be paide by my Executor In money or othar Chatles at Inventory price and after ye 30 pounds Is paid To Each of my Daughtars afore Named I Give and bequeath all The Resedue and Remaindar of my Goods and Chatles to my Daughter Sarah Mason and to my Daughtar Abiah Androus and to my Daughter Abigal Palmour to be Equally Divided between Them and my five Daughters first Named.

and as to my sons Israel Robeson Peter Robinson and Thomas Robinson and Simeon Robinson and Benjamin Robinson and Joseph Robinson and Isaac Robinson I Give them Nothing and that Because I Have Given them their full portions already In lands as may apear by Deeds to them from and by me Given to them and whereas I have Given to my sons Joseph and Isaac Roberson Deeds of Sundry Peaces of land [to] take place after my Decease as by ye sd Deed may apear my Will is that thay my sd Sons Joseph and Isaac shall have hold Poses and enjoy ye land mentioned in ye sd Reversion Deed to Each of them as In sd Deed is Expressed and to their heirs and assigns for Ever and I do heareby make and appoint my sd son Petar Robinson my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testement Ratifieing and Confirming this and no othar to be my last Will and Testement as Witnes my hand and seall ye sixth Day of Feb 1739—Signed Sealed published Pronounced and Declared by ye sd Petar Robinson To be his last Will and Testement In presents of us

Petar Robinson (Seall)

Jonathan Huntington
Jacob Simons
Elisha Hibard.

The will was proved 28 June 1740 by the witnesses, and was allowed 12 August 1740. (*Windham Probate Records.*)*

* This copy was supplied by the Probate Clerk.

Children:

By first wife, Mary Manter,

- i. SARAH³, born about 1688, died 1754, aged 66 years, Windham, Conn.,* without issue; married 15 November 1725, as second wife, HEZEKIAH MASON, who died in Windham, 15 December 1726. He married (1), 7 June 1699, Anne Bingham, born 1678, died 2 August 1724, in her 47th year. Children (Mason), by first wife Anne Bingham, (1) *Rachel*, born 12 April 1701; (2) *Hannah*, born 14 June 1702; (3) *Jonathan*, born 30 July 1715; probably others.
- ii. ABIAH, born about 1690, died between 13 January 1772 and 22 September 1775, without issue; married RICHARD ANDROS, born about 1687, died 1768, Windham. Abiah died testate; making her will 13 January 1772, and mentioning her relatives: "I Give . . . unto my fore Sisters and Sisters Dafters (viz) Mary Johnson Wife of John Johnson and Rhoda Carpenter Wife of Noah Carpenter and Elizabeth Smith Wife of Josiah Smith and Anna Fuller Wife of Rhodophus Fuller and Abigail Robbardsen Wife of Peter Robbardsen jun^r all my wairing apparel . . . to John Crosby and marcey Crosby both of windham all my movible Estate . . . I do hereby appoint and ordain John Crosby of Windham & mercey Crosby My Soul Executors." Proved 22 September 1775.
- iii. ISRAEL, born about 1696, died 12 January 1776, aged 79 years, Windham; married (1), 12 May 1724, Windham, SARAH SABIN, born 27 March 1702-03, died 4 May 1737, aged 35 years,[†] daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Abbe) Sabin; married (2), 21 February 1748-49, DEBORAH CHAPMAN, born 15 February 1706-07, East Haddam, died 19 October 1793, in her 88th year, Windham, daughter of Robert and Mary (——) Chapman. Children (Robinson), born Windham, by first wife Sarah, (1) *Elisha*, born 7 February 1724-25; (2) *Daniel*, born 18 July 1732-33; (3) *Eleazer*, born 8 July 1734; (4) *Abigail*, born 22 February 1736-37; by second wife Deborah, (5) *Samuel*, born 3 June 1750.
- +iv. PETER, born about 1697, probably twin with Israel; married RUTH FULLER.

By second wife, Experience ——,

- v. THOMAS, born 1699, died 28 March 1783, aged 84 years, Windham; married about 1724, ANNAH ——, born 1699, died 16 October 1769, aged 70 years, Windham; married (2), 8 February 1769, Scotland parish, Windham, ABIGAIL (——) DIMMICK, born 1714, died 9 November 1790, aged 76 years, Windham. Children (Robinson), born Windham, all by first wife Annah, (1) *Reuben*, born 17 January 1724-25; (2) *Asa*, born 17 October 1726; (3) *Abiah*, born 16 May 1728; (4) *Anna*, born 17 March 1730; (5) *Amy*, born 1 May 1733, baptised 24 June 1733; married Daniel Rindge and William Cushman;‡ (6) *Levi*, born 18 March 1736, died 9 March 1739.
- vi. ABIGAIL, born about 1701, died 29 December 1765, aged 64 years, Windham; married 20 September 1725, Windham, ELIJAH

* The Robinsons lived in Scotland Parish or Society of Windham, which was made a separate town in 1857. It was the third church of Windham.

† "In memory of Mrs Sarah the loving wife of Mr Israel Robson who died May ye 4th A. D. 1737, aetatis 35." (*Windham Center Yard*.)

‡ She was the third wife of William Cushman.

- PALMER, born 19 January 1699-1700, Rehoboth, Mass., died 22 July 1764, aged 64 years, Windham, son of Jonas and Elizabeth (Kenrick) Palmer. Children (Palmer), born Windham, (1) *Amasa*, born 13 July 1726; (2) *Elihu*, born 9 February 1727-28; (3) *Abigail*, born 9 January 1729-30; (4) *Jonah*, born 23 July 1731; (5) *Abigail*, born 25 March 1733; married Peter⁴ Robinson, mentioned in Aunt Abiah Andrus's will; (6) *Rhoda*, born 6 September 1735; (7) *Amasa*, born 29 August 1737.
- vii. SIMEON, born about 1702, died June 1792, Windham; married 2 February 1742-43, Windham, JERUSHA KINGSLEY, born 17 September 1723, died after 1762, daughter of John and Jerusha (—) Kingsley. Children (Robinson), born Windham, (1) *Ebenezer*, born 18 April 1744; (2) *Mary*, born 28 October 1745; (3) *Simeon*, born 25 October 1747; (4) *Eliphaz*, born 19 May 1750; (5) *Anna*, born 3 July 1752; (6) *Jerusha*, born 23 June 1754; (7) *Eliphalet*, born 23 March 1756; (8) *Anna*, born 17 July 1760; (9) *Abiah*, born 20 December 1762.
- viii. BENJAMIN, born about 1704; died 12 April 1772, Willington, Conn.; married 4 March 1728-29, Windham, JERUSHA BINGHAM, born 2 February 1708, Windham, died 4 May 1776, Willington, daughter of Samuel and Faith (Ripley) Bingham. He went to Lebanon, Conn., removing from there later. Children (Robinson), born Windham, (1) *Eunice*, born 16 November 1731; (2) *Irene*, born 1 November 1733; (3) *Elijah*, born 1 October 1735; (4) *Eliphalet*, born 5 December 1739; (5) *Lydia*, born 5 February 1741-42; born Lebanon, (6) *Jerusha*, born 8 August 1746; (7) *Benjamin*, born 24 April 1749.
- ix. JOSEPH, born 1706, died 1 July 1789, Scotland Parish, Windham, aged 83 years; married 17 July 1735, Windham, MEHETABEL READ, born 10 August 1714, Windham, died after 1758, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Palmer)* Read. Children (Robinson), born Windham, (1 & 2) *Deborah* and *Susanna*, born 14 March 1735-36; (3) *Rebecca*, born 1 December 1737; (4) *Mehetabel*, born 3 November 1739; (5) *Lucy*, born 28 March 1741; (6) *Joseph*, born 14 February 1742-43; (7) *Moses*, born 9 December 1744; (8) *Lucy*, born 25 February 1746-47; (9 & 10) *William* and *Sarah*, born 24 August 1749; (11) *Prudence*, born 25 May 1753; (12) *Josiah*, born 5 February 1758.
- x. ISAAC, twin, born 20 August 1708, died 3 December 1796, Windham, in his 89th year;† married 22 December 1737, Windham, DEBORAH HEBARD, born 25 May 1707, died 29 November 1798, Windham, in her 92d year, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Crane) Hebard. Children (Robinson), born in Windham, (1) *Sarah*, born 10 September 1738; (2) *John*, born 31 December 1739; (3) *Achsah*, born 1 July 1742; (4) *Deborah*, born 8 April 1744, died young; (5) *Anna*, born 18 June 1746; (6) *Isaac*, born 12 October 1748, died young; (7, 8 & 9) *Nathaniel*, *Isaac* and *Deborah*, triplets, born 15 April 1752.

* "We Joseph Robinson & Mehetabel his Wife & Ruth Read all of Windham . . . for . . . twenty six Shillings & Eight pence . . . to us . . . paid by Benjamin flollet of ye town . . . aforesd . . . Sel . . . to him . . . a Certain Gristmill Land Dam bank & stream . . . In . . . Windham . . . Given to us by our Honord grandfather Jonah Palmer late of Windham deceased." 21 November 1735. (*Windham Deeds*.)

† "In memory of Mr Isaac Robinson who died Decr 3d 1796 in ye 89th year of his age." "In memory of Mrs Deborah, wife of Mr Isaac Robinson, who died Novr 29th 1798 in ye 92d year of her age." (*Windham Center Yard*.)

- xi. ANNA, twin, born 20 August 1708, died young.
- xii. MARY, born about 1709, died 9 January 1781, Willington; married 29 October 1747, Willington, JOHN JOHNSON, born 1697, died 23 November 1784, Willington, in his 87th year. She was probably a second wife. Children (Johnson), born Willington, (1) *Mary*, born 17 February 1748-49; (2) *Ruth*, born 20 April 1750.
- xiii. RHODA, baptised 26 August 1711, Norwich, died probably 1779, Coventry, Conn., without issue; married 27 July 1758, Windham, NOAH CARPENTER, born 4 December 1705, Coventry, died probably before 1779, Coventry. He married (1), Keziah —; (2), 1 September 1744, Elizabeth (—) Curtis. Children (Carpenter), born Coventry, by first wife, Keziah, (1) *Abner*, born 24 April 1736; (2) *Silence*, born 25 April 1743; by second wife, Elizabeth (—) Curtis, (3) *Beulah*, born 26 June 1745; (4) *Noah*, born 26 June 1747; (5) *Eunice*, born 5 November 1749; (6) *Ezra*, born 5 April 1752; (7) *Keziah*, born January 175—; (8) *Benjamin*, born 27 February 1756; (9) *Margaret*, born 3 May 1757; (10) *Israel*; (11) *Elizabeth*.
- xiv. MARTHA, baptised 31 May 1713, Norwich. "Here lies ye Body of Mrs Martha child of Mr Peter & Mrs Experience Robinson. She Died Febr ye 14th 1753, A. 41 y." Evidently she did not marry Barnabas Allen as is stated, but died unmarried.
- xv. ELIZABETH, baptised 17 October 1714, Norwich, died November 1798, aged 84 years, Windham; married 13 November 1746, Windham, as second wife, JOSIAH SMITH, born probably about 1705, died between 27 January 1781 and 26 February 1782. Josiah Smith, then of Stonington, married 4 November 1729, Westerly, R. I., Amy Cottrell, of Westerly, who died 13 July 1746, Windham. Children (Smith), by first wife, Amy Cottrell, (1) *Amy*, born 23 September 1737; (2) *Mary*, born 19 November 1739; (3) *Lydia*, born 18 January 1741-42; (4) *Daniel*, born 2 February 1743-44; (5) *Phebe*, born 31 January 1745-46; by second wife, Elizabeth Robinson, (6) *Josiah*, born 6 December 1747; (7) *Ephraim*, born 24 May 1749; (8) *Elias*, born 10 June 1750; (9) *Cottrell*, born 14 December 1751; (10) *Elizabeth*, born 24 March 1753; (11) *Sarah*, born 4 February 1755; (12) *Martha*, born 30 August 1759; (13) *Jairus*, or *James*, born 22 June 1759.
- xvi. ANNA, born probably about 1716,* died after 1759; married as second wife, 9 October 1755, RHODOLPHUS FULLER.

PETER³ ROBINSON, son of Lieut. Peter² (*Isaac*¹, *Rev. John, John*) and Mary (Manter)[†] Robinson, born in Martha's Vineyard about 1697, died in Scotland Parish, Windham, Conn., 22 March 1785, aged eighty-eight years. He married in Mansfield,

* It is always stated that it was the first Anna, born 20 August 1708, who married Rhodolphus Fuller. Anna, wife of Rhodolphus, had a child born in 1758, and one in 1759. If she were identical with that Anna, born 1708, she would be *fifty* when her first child was born. Then in his will, Peter names Anna *last* of his children, showing her to have been the youngest, and her sister Abiah also names her last in her will. It is fairly evident that the Anna born 1708, had died, and that a second one had been born. She may have been born later than 1716, as she was the last child, but she certainly was not born earlier than Autumn 1715. If she were born in 1716 she would be forty-two when her first child was born and forty-three when the second one arrived, which is not improbable.

† Peter² Robinson has no daughter or granddaughter named Experience, although he has a *son* by that name. There is no reason to doubt that both he and his brother Israel, probably twins, were by Mary Manter.

Conn., 20 June 1725, RUTH FULLER, born in Mansfield, 12 April 1706, died there, 9 January 1795, aged eighty-eight years.

Peter Robinson was quite probably a twin with his brother Israel who died in January 1776, aged 79 years. He was a boy of about ten years of age when his father moved to Connecticut and grew up in that Colony. Shortly after his father removed from Preston to Windham, he married his wife, Ruth.

On 24 July 1728, he sold a small piece of land to Sarah Singletary, being called "Peter Robinson Jun^r of Windham," in the deed, the only time he appears thus on the records. (*Windham Deeds, G: 59.*)

Joseph Kingsley and Peter Robinson, both of Windham, confirm to Capt. Eleazer Cary, Major Thomas Dyar and Mr. John Cary, Selectmen of the town, land for a highway there, 17 June 1750. (*ibid., I: 433.*)

"I Thomas Robinson of Windham . . . for . . . forty pounds . . . paid by peter Robinson of windham . . . sell to him . . . Land . . . in . . . Windham," 4 January 1751. (*ibid., I: 478.*)

Peter Robinson sells to Thomas Robinson, Josiah Smith, Reuben Robinson, and Samuel Robinson, all of Windham, land in Scotland Society in Windham, 14 January 1751. (*ibid., I: 484.*)

Thomas Robinson, Elihu Palmer, Peter Robinson, Reuben Robinson, Joseph Kingsley, Samuel Robinson, and John Manning, all of Windham confirm to the inhabitants of Windham land for "a publick highway passing through our Lands att Windham," undated but acknowledged 14 January 1751. (*ibid., I: 488.*)

No will of this Peter Robinson has been found.

Children, born in Scotland Parish, Windham, Conn.:

- i. SAMUEL⁴, born 6 July 1726, died 11 June 1792, Windham; married 2 January 1748-49, Windham, MARY KIMBALL, born in 1729, probably in Ipswich, Mass., died 15 December 1791 aged 62 years, Windham, daughter of Richard and Sarah (Burley) Kimball. Children (Robinson), born Windham, (1) *Dorcas*, born 2 April 1749; (2) *Jemima*, born 2 October 1750; (3) *Ashur*, born 5 July 1752; (4) *Claghorn*, born 4 April 1754; (5) *Sybil*, born 14 September 1755; (6) *Samuel*, born 16 September 1757; (7) *Ephraim*, born 13 May 1760; (8) *Abel*, born 15 September 1761; (9) *Richard*, born 13 May 1763; (10) *Oliver*, born 15 September 1766; (11) *Sarah*, born 22 June 1768.
- ii. EXPERIENCE, a son, born 22 April 1728, died 10 September 1807, Windham; married 14 February 1748-49, Windham, ZERVIAH PARKER, born 24 February 1730-31, Windham, died 9 June 1806, aged 76 years, Windham, daughter of Eleazer and Mary (Lillie) Palmer. Children (Robinson), born Windham and Norwich, (1) *James*, born 21 November 1749, Windham, died same day; (2) *Tryphena*, born 21 February 1751; (3) *James*, born 30 November 1752; (4) *Tryphena*, born 20 July

- 1755; (5) *Elias*, born 14 April 1757, Norwich; (6) *Alathea*, born 17 July 1760, Windham; (7) *Andrew*, born 1 August 1762; (8) *Lydia*, born 3 January 1768.
- iii. ANNA, born probably about 1729, baptised 3 May 1730, Scotland Parish, Windham; possibly married 26 October 1749, Scotland Parish, EBENEZER LUCE.
- iv. PETER, born 19 May 1730, baptised 24 May 1730, died 17 July 1778, Windham, of smallpox; married (1) 13 November 1755, Windham, his cousin ABIGAIL PALMER, born 25 March 1733, Windham, died 25 September 1774, aged 42 years, Windham, daughter of Elihu and Abigail (Robinson) Palmer; married (2), 14 March 1775, SARAH WEST, of Tolland, Conn., who died 18 July 1778, Windham. Children (Robinson), born Windham, by first wife Abigail, (1) *Rosamond*, born 26 August 1756; (2) *Rhoda*, born 25 April 1761, died 19 November 1764, aged 3 years; (3) *Arad*, born 3 December 1762, died 16 July 1778, of smallpox; (4) *Peter*, born 15 May 1766; (5) *Patrick*, born 7 April 1768; (6) *Abigail*, born 8 August 1772.
- v. ELIZABETH, born 6 November 1732, baptised 12 November 1732, died after 1813, probably Rutland, Vt.; married about 1755, JOHN FRENCH, who died 11 May 1812, Rutland. Children (French), born Canterbury, Conn., (1) *Abner*, born 3 March 1757; (2) *Sarah*, born 27 April 1760; (3) *Nathan*, born 1 July 1762; (4) *Ruth*, born 12 November 1764; (5) *John*, born 12 January 1766; (6) *Elkanah*, born 8 May 1768.
- vi. JACOB, born 14 August 1734; baptised 18 August 1734, died 1800, aged 66 years, Tolland, Conn.; married 4 November 1756, Preston, Conn., ANNA TRACY, born 1 April 1732, Preston, died 8 December 1815, aged 83 years, Brooklyn, Conn., daughter of Jonathan and Amy (—) Tracy. Children (Robinson), all born Windham, excepting the last, (1) *Muriel*, born 9 November 1757, died 1759; (2) *Eber*, born 7 October 1759; (3) *Anna*, born 4 April 1761; (4) *Irene*, born 15 January 1764; (5) *Vine*, born 25 July 1767; (6) *Hulda*, born 22 August 1769; (7) *Jacob*, born 7 March 1772; (8) *Amy*, born 17 October 1774; (9) *Tracy*, born 1 March 1778, baptised 22 March 1778, Windham.
- vii. NATHAN, born 19 July 1736, died February 1804, Plainfield, Conn., killed by a fall from a carriage; married 26 April 1764, Windham, MARIAH-JERUSHA PALMER,* born 9 April 1737, Windham, died 8 May 1827, aged 90 years, Ashford, Conn., daughter of Eleazer and Mary (Lillie) Palmer. Nathan was a Sergeant in the Revolution, serving in 7 campaigns. Children (Robinson), all but last born in Windham, (1) *Salome*, born 12 June 1764; (2) *Vienna*, born 4 February 1766; (3) *Newell*, born 24 March 1767; (4) *Rowena*, born 2 January 1769; (5) *Adrian*, born 27 August 1770 (these five baptised 19 July 1772, Scotland Parish); (6) *Nathan*, born 5, baptised 9, August 1772; (7) *Rufus*, born 18, baptised 25, September 1774; (8) *Roswell*, born 17, baptised 26, January 1777; (9) *Jerusha*, born 17 January 1780, Wethersfield, Conn.
- viii. CAPT. ABNER, born 22 February 1738, died 24 November 1815, aged 77 years, Windham; married 7 April 1763, Windham, MEHETABEL PALMER, born 8 September 1739, Windham, died 13 October 1819, aged 80 years, Windham, daughter of Eleazer

* In her marriage record she is called just "Jerusha Palmer," but the *Robinson Genealogy* gives her as "Mariah-Jerusha Palmer." A middle name was very rare in 1737.

and Mary (Lillie) Palmer. Children (Robinson), born Scotland Parish, Windham, (1) *Philena*, born 24 March 1764; (2) *Lois*, born 15 November 1765; (3) *Mehetabel*, born 29 January 1768; (4) *Abner*, born 1 March 1770; (5) *Mary*, born 10 April 1772; (6) *Elizabeth*, born 6 August 1774; (7) *Septimus*, born 14 April 1777; (8) *Polly*, born 30 March 1780; (9) *An infant*, born 17 June 1782; (10) *An infant*, born 27 April 1784. (These dates are from a Bible record.)

- ix. RUTH, born 14 December 1740; died 11 April 1791, Brooklyn, Conn.; married WILLIAM CUSHMAN.
- x. ELIAB, born 22 March 1741-42, baptised 22 August 1742, died April 1836, aged 94 years, Pittsford, Vt.; married 30 January 1777, LUCY-RICHARDSON WILLIAMS,* born October 1753, died 23 March 1834, aged 81 years, 6 months. Children (Robinson), (1) *Lucy-Williams*, born 12 February 1778, Windham; (2) *Ralph*, born 12 March 1780; (3) *John-Williams*, born 23 April 1782; (4) *Eliab*, born 15 January 1785, Poultney, Vt.; (5) *Albigence-Waldo*, born about 1788; (6) *Rev. Septimus*, born 27 July 1790, Poultney; (7) *Betsey*, born 11 August 1792.
- xi. RACHEL, born 30 March 1744, died 12 June 1828, Rome, N. Y.; married 5 April 1780, Windham, as second wife, CORNELIUS COBURN, born 1 January 1734, Windham, died 20 June 1824, Rome, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Holt) Coburn. He married (1), 20 April 1757, Abigail Greenslit, who died 1779, Windham. Children (Coburn), born in Windham, by first wife, Abigail, (1) *Eliphalet*, born 2 January 1758; (2) *Eunice*, born 4 August 1760; (3) *Asa*, born 25 December 1763; (4) *Elizabeth*, born 29 December 1764; (5) *Eliphaz*, born 11 April 1767; (6) *Clarissa*, born 3 November 1770; (7) *Sybil*, born 30 October 1773; by second wife Rachel Robinson, (8) *Abigail*, born 22 October 1780; (9) *Asa*, born 26 May 1782; (10) *Walter*, born 30 November 1784.
- xii. BATHSHEBA, born 31 July 1746, died 8 September 1824, Windham, unmarried.
- xiii. JOSHUA, born 24 September 1748, died 20 December 1834, Hampton, Conn.; married (1), 1771, SYBEL WEBB, who died 1 September 1813, daughter of Zebulon and Mehetabel (Huntington) Webb; married (2), ——— (——) WEST; married (3), 1829, CHLOE (——) BLAKELY. Possibly his first wife was born in Stratford, Conn. Children (Robinson), born probably in Tolland, Conn., by first wife, Sybel, (1) *Erastus*, born 12 April 1773; (2) *Pamela*, born about 1775; (3) *Betsey*, born 9 January 1779; (4) *Ruth*, born 10 January 1781; (5) *Gurdon*, born 2 March 1783; (6) *Dolly*, born 24 February 1785.

* The *Robinson Genealogy* gives her the middle name, but other records omit it. A middle name was very rare in 1753. Her mother may possibly have been a Lucy Richardson.

JOHN PORTER OF WINDSOR, CONN., AND HIS PARENTS: FURTHER NOTES

By JOHN INSLEY CODDINGTON, A.M., of Olivet, Michigan.

An article on the English origin and ancestry of John Porter of Windsor, Conn., written by Miss Winifred Lovering Holman, appeared in *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, vol. 16 (1939-1940), pp. 49-53. The present writer made some additions to this subject in the same volume, p. 122; and in vol. 17 (1940-1941), pp. 86-87. From these articles, it appears that John Porter, the immigrant ancestor of the Porter family of Windsor, Conn., was baptised at Holy Cross Church, Felsted, co. Essex, 21 June 1594; and that he was the third son of John and Sible or Sybil (Vessey) Porter. His parents, John Porter and Sible Vessey, were married at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow, co. Essex, 12 Sept. 1587.

Through the great kindness of the Reverend Jesse Berridge, Rector of Little Baddow, it is now possible to present further data concerning the Porter and Vessey families. Mr. Berridge writes, under date of 19 March 1941, that "I am very interested in the connections that it may be possible to establish between any of the families in the U. S. A. and Little Baddow, especially at the present momentous time, when the hearts of our people here are going out in gratitude to yours for most timely help in our need." Mr. Berridge then points out some of the many connections between the parish of Little Baddow and the settlers of New England in the seventeenth century. Mr. Thomas Hooker, the founder and first pastor of Hartford, Conn., came to Little Baddow in 1629, and started a school there in a house called Cuckoos Farm. In the same year, John Eliot, who was later to be the "Apostle to the Indians" became Hooker's assistant schoolmaster.¹ Mr. Berridge says that "Cuckoos Farm had a narrow escape from total destruction some months ago, when a parachute mine 8 feet by 2 descended close by it, and every house within a quarter of a mile had to be evacuated. Fortunately, the mine did not explode."

Mr. Berridge states that he has examined the Parish Registers of Little Baddow from their commencement in 1559² through 1660, and that he has culled every item relating to the Porter and Vessey families. Since he is an Air Raid Warden, the examination of the Registers was done between the hours of 2 and 8 a.m., while listening for the sound of enemy aircraft. The results of his investigations follow:

¹ For further details, see articles by the Rev. Jesse Berridge in the *Essex Review*, vols. 41 and 43 (1932 and 1934).

² Not 1561, as stated in *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, vol. 16, p. 50.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF THE CHURCH OF
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, LITTLE BADDOW, CO. ESSEX

1559-1660

I. PORTER

- 1587 John Porter and Sible Vessey the daughter of Thomas Vessey of Little Baddow were married ye xii daye of September.
 1591 Thomas Vessey and Ellin Porter married 21 June.
 1616 Ann Porter buried 19 August.
 1638 Thomas Porter buried 20 December.
 1641 The name of John Porter occurs as a signatory to a copy of the Protestation, organized by Pym, and drawn up by a Committee of the House of Commons in 1641, and sent out for signature throughout the country. This copy is bound up with the Parish Register.
 1643 Christian Porter ye daughter of John Porter & Christian his wife christened 27 February (1643/4).

II. VESSEY

- 1560 John Vessey the sonne of Thomas Vessey baptised & buried 21 December.
 1561 Seible Vessey daughter of Thomas Vessey baptised 30 November.
 1564 Thomas Vessey the sonne of Thomas Vessey baptised 12 February (1564/5).
 1566 Susan Vessey baptised 10 March (1566/7).
 1567 Richard Lorkin & Joane Vessey married 13 October.
 1577 George Storye and Marye Vessey married 10 December.
 1585 George Semer of the pishe of Woodham fferis^a and Susan Vessey the daughter of Thomas Vessey married 2 August.
 1587 John Porter and Sible Vessey the daughter of Thomas Vessey of Little Baddow were married ye xii daye of September (*see above*).
 1591 Thomas Vessey and Ellin Porter married 21 June (*see above*).
 1595 Daniell Vessey baptised 29 April.
 1596 Susan Vessey baptised 1 August.
 1596 Edward Vessey baptised 9 January (1596/7).
 1598 Elizabeth Vessey baptised 13 August.
 1599 Richard Vessey the sonne of Francis Vessey baptised 9 March (1599/1600).
 1600 Elizabeth Vessey baptised 25 January (1600/1).
 1601 Francis Vessey buried 21 March.
 1604 Sara Vessey baptised 24 February (1604/5).
 1608 John Vessey baptised 5 June.
 1610 Jone Vessey buried 13 March (1610/1).
 1618 Ellen Vessey buried 24 December.
 1639 Thomas Vessey buried 6 August.
 1639 John Vessey buried 13 December.
 1649 Richard Visse buried 19 February (1649/50).

From the foregoing records, and from the records noted in the above-mentioned articles in *THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, the following brief pedigrees of the Porter and Vessey families have been constructed:

^a Parish of Woodham Ferrers, co. Essex.

I. PORTER

JOHN PORTER, who may have been a native of the parish of Little Baddow, co. Essex, England, but who may also have come from some neighboring parish, was probably born shortly before 1560. He was married at Little Baddow 12 September 1587 to SIBLE or SYBIL VESSEY, daughter of Thomas Vessey of Little Baddow. She was baptised at Little Baddow 30 November 1561. None of the children of John and Sible (Vessey) Porter appear to have been baptised at Little Baddow, so the Porters must have left that parish soon after their marriage. Where they lived between 1587 and 1593 is still unknown, though presumably they did not leave Essex. During that period, apparently, two sons were born to them, Francis and Thomas, of whom the latter was undoubtedly named for his grandfather, Thomas Vessey. By 1593, John and Sible (Vessey) Porter were settled at Felsted, co. Essex. Their daughter Margaret was baptised there 17 May 1593, and their son John on 21 June 1594. The Porters probably continued to live at Felsted for the next thirty years.

A Mr. John Porter, who was seemingly identical with John Porter of Little Baddow and later of Felsted, was called cousin and named executor in the will of Thomas Brett of Bromfield and Terling, co. Essex. This will was dated 15 January 1615/6, and proved 13 November 1616.⁴ The testator, who was an uncle of William Pynchon, the founder of Springfield, Mass., bequeathed "a tenement called Philles, with the land &c. in Little Baddowe" to his cousin John Porter, and instructed Porter to pay the mortgage on this property. Porter was not only made executor, but residuary legatee as well.

John Porter "of Felsted, co. Essex, yeoman" died between 30 May 1623 (the date of his will) and 26 November 1625 (the date of probate). His wife Sybil (Sible) was executrix of the will, so she survived him.

Children:

- i. FRANCIS, probably b. about 1588; d. at Felsted between 8 May 1635 (the date of his will) and 26 May 1635 (the date of probate). He m. JOAN ———, who survived him, and was executrix of his will.

Child:

1. Francis, under 20 in May 1635.
- ii. THOMAS, probably b. about 1590; lived at Felsted in 1635, according to the will of his brother Francis.
- iii. MARGARET, bapt. at Felsted 17 May 1593; apparently d. young, since she was not mentioned in her father's will.

⁴ Abstract of the will in Henry F. Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* (Boston, Mass., 1901), vol. 2, pp. 855-6. Cf. THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 16, p. 50.

- iv. JOHN, bapt. at Felsted 21 June 1594; lived at Felsted till the time of his migration to New England. He is called "of Felsted" in the will of his brother Francis in May 1635. His first nine children were baptised at Felsted from 1621 to 1637 (the last two being born at Windsor, Conn.). He m. at All Saints Church, Messing, co. Essex, 18 Oct. 1620, ANNA WHITE, daughter of Robert and Bridget (Allgar) White of Shalford and Messing, co. Essex. She was bapt. at Shalford 13 July 1600.⁵ John and Anna (White) Porter sailed for New England in 1638 or early in 1639. They were accompanied by their eight living children.⁶ The Porter family probably landed in Massachusetts, but they proceeded without delay to Windsor, Conn., where they arrived before April 1639. The story of John Porter's life at Windsor has already been told by Stiles and others. Anna (White) Porter d. at Windsor in July 1647, and John Porter d. there 21 April 1648. The inventory of his estate, amounting to £470 17s., was taken 27 April 1648, and his will (dated 20 April 1648) was proved 7 June 1649. John and Anna (White) Porter had eleven children in all, not twelve (Cf. THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 16, pp. 52-3; correction on p. 122).
- v. WILLIAM, of Felsted in 1635, according to the will of his brother Francis.
- vi. ROSE, m. ——— WENTFORD [UNDERWOOD?].

II. VESSEY

THOMAS VESSEY of Little Baddow, co. Essex, yeoman, was probably born in the neighborhood of 1530. He was probably still living at the time of his daughter Sible's marriage in 1587, or else she would not have been styled "the daughter of Thomas Vessey" in the Parish Register. The date of his death and the name of his wife are not known at present.

Children:

- i. JOHN, bapt. and bur. at Little Baddow 21 Dec. 1560.
- ii. SIBLE or SYBIL, bapt. at Little Baddow 30 Nov. 1561; alive on 26 Nov. 1625, when she proved her husband's will; m. at Little Baddow 12 Sept. 1587 JOHN PORTER, later of Felsted (*see above*).
- iii. THOMAS, bapt. at Little Baddow 12 Feb. 1564/5; probably the man who was bur. at Little Baddow 6 Aug. 1639. He m. at Little Baddow 21 June 1591 ELLEN PORTER, who was probably a relative of his brother-in-law, John Porter. She was bur. at Little Baddow 24 Dec. 1618. According to the Rev. Jesse Berridge, this couple got into considerable trouble. In 1612, Thomas Vessey was presented to the local court "for that he being disguised with drink about the latter end of May did greatly misuse John Hawes, one of the wardens." Ellen his wife was in trouble the same year for being incontinent with John Pren-

⁵ For the White family, see Charles A. White, "The Children of Robert White of Messing, co. Essex, England, who settled in Hartford and Windsor," *New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, vol. 55 (1901), p. 22 *et seq.*

⁶ The eldest child was Anna Porter, bapt. at Felsted 22 Sept. 1621. She m. at Windsor, Conn., 24 Feb. 1641/2 William Gaylord, Jr. This is the correct date of the marriage of William and Anna (Porter) Gaylord, as given in THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 17, p. 73. The date is *incorrectly* given as 24 Feb. 1644 in THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, vol. 16, p. 32.

tice of Woodham Walter, co. Essex. It is not possible to say how many of the Vessey children baptised at Little Baddow in the years following 1591 belonged to this couple.

- iv. SUSAN, bapt. at Little Baddow 10 March 1566/7; m. at Little Baddow 2 Aug. 1585 GEORGE SEMER [SEYMOUR?] of Woodham Ferrers, co. Essex.

PETER PRUDDEN'S PARENTAGE PROVED

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In my article, "Reverend Peter Prudden, Pastor and Founder of Milford, Connecticut, and his English Ancestry" (*THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST*, vol. 16, pp. 1-28), I referred to the suit in 1656/7 by Peter Prudden's widow against the estate of one Mr. John Roberts, which mentions Peter Prudden's "brother" (brother-in-law) Lucas in England (New Haven Town Records, vol. 1, p. 295). On this a hypothesis was built up that the brother-in-law was Robert Lucas, pewterer, of St. Dionis Backchurch, London, who had a wife Mildred (a name given by Peter Prudden to one of his daughters); that Mildred wife of Robert Lucas was identical with the Mildred Prudden who was baptized at Luton, co. Bedford, May 6, 1610, as daughter of Robert Prudden; and that Rev. Peter Prudden was therefore brother of Mrs. Mildred Lucas and son of Robert Prudden.

The Visitation of London, 1664, recently published by the Harleian Society, contains the pedigree of Robert Lucas, and Robert Lucas is the authority for the statement given by the Herald of this Visitation that his wife was Mildred daughter of Robert Prudden, of Luton, co. Bedford. And who should know better than Robert Lucas what was the parentage of his wife? Incidentally, she was living at the time and could prompt him if he had any doubt.

This fully confirms the hypothesis set forth in my article. Peter Prudden did not marry a Lucas, nor did a sister of either of his wives marry a Lucas. We must therefore conclude that the Lucas of the New Haven record had married a sister of Peter Prudden. And here we find positive proof that Robert Lucas of London married Mildred Prudden, daughter of Robert of Luton. It is therefore certain that Rev. Peter Prudden, who had a sister Mrs. Lucas and who bestowed on a daughter the rare name of Mildred, was son of Robert Prudden of Luton.

THE WIFE OF ROBERT¹ FRANCIS OF WETHERSFIELD, CONN., IDENTIFIED

By WINIFRED LOVERING HOLMAN, S.B., of Lexington, Mass.

Robert Francis, founder of the Wethersfield, Conn., family of the name, had by wife, Joan, seven children recorded there between 1 Nov. 1651 and 16 Aug. 1664, of whom but one son, John² Francis, lived to have issue. The latter by his second wife, Mercy Chatterton, had daughter "Sibberance," born in 1687. This is a most unusual name. According to Dr. Winthrop's Medical Journal, Joan was aged 28 in April 1658, hence born about 1630.

The Records of the Particular Court, 1639-1663, as published in Volume 22 of the Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society (1928), prove that Robert Francis married Joan Sibberance (or Sipperance), probably in Wethersfield, between 11 Sept. 1650 and 7 Mar. 1650-51. (*vide pp. 70, 71, 74, 88, 90, 95, 96, 268.*)

Her parents are not found in Wethersfield, and these records indicate that she came there with the Hollister family. The typed Barbour Vital Record Index erroneously gives the death of Joan Francis as 29 Jan. 1714/15. The Town Clerk, Mr. Willard, checked it for me in the Wethersfield Vital Records (Vol. 1, p. 03), and the entry reads: "Jane Francis wife of Robt Francis Deceased Jany 29, 1704/5."

BOOK REVIEWS

Some More Descendants of John and Elinor Whitney. By Edward Raymond Sandiford, 6 Winsor Place, Bloomfield, N. J. n. d. (1940 or 1941). 10 pp. large, paper-bound.

Presents, with record evidence, the family of Ebenezer³ Whitney (Richard², John¹), very imperfectly given in Pierce's "Whitney Genealogy," and traces the descendants of Enoch⁴ of Plainfield, Preston, and Kent, Conn., through his son Hezekiah⁵ of Washington, Conn. Descendants carefully compiled. The fourth and fifth generations are based on vital records (town and church), a deed obtained from Pomfret, and pension papers of Hezekiah⁵, sufficient to establish the line of descent. No probate or other land records cited. —D. L. J.

A tentative Correction of the Mapes Family Line. By Lester Dunbar Mapes, 317 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., 1941. 21 pp. large, paper-bound.

A critical study of the early generations of the Mapes family, based on examination of primary record sources and correcting former printed accounts. This is one of the difficult Long Island families, with branches in Orange County, N. Y., and elsewhere. Fully referenced, and carefully compiled. No statements regarding the earlier members of this family can be made in future, without considering the records, comments and conclusions set forth in this pamphlet. —D. L. J.

Ashby Ancestry. Something of the Origin of the Name and Family. Family Pedigree. Story of Nathaniel and Susan Hammond Ashby. Autobiography of Benjamin Ashby. By Robert L. Ashby, American Fork, Utah. Published by Stringam Ashby Stevens, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1941. 34 pp., cloth-bound. \$1.00.

Gives line of descent from Anthony¹ Ashby (d. 1713) of Salem, Mass., whose parentage has not been ascertained, to Nathaniel⁶ (1805-1846), whose pioneer story as a Latter-Day Saint is told. The autobiography of his son Benjamin⁷ is included. Condensed tables of the descendants of Nathaniel⁶ through his grandchildren. —D. L. J.

Wisconsin Families. Quarterly Magazine of Wisconsin Genealogical Society. Editorial office, Delafield, Wis.; business office, 983 N. 28th Street, Milwaukee. \$2.00 a volume, \$0.50 an issue.

This magazine began with the June 1940 number and has recently completed its first volume. It is everything which a magazine serving a special locality ought to be. Many Wisconsin records are included from various sources, such as census, church, cemetery and private family records. There are also more general articles containing data of the colonial period on specific families, such as a history of the early generations of the family of Richard Butler of Hartford, Conn. —D. L. J.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

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QUERIES

172.(a) GRAINGER. Wanted: Parents of Joshua Grainger, Sr., b. 1702, Charleston, S. C. Also date of arrival in America. Joshua was one of founders of Wilmington, N. C., 1733, and Justice of the Quorum, 1735.

(b) DELZELL. Wanted: Information on date of arrival in America of the Delzell or Dalzell family. (Family name of Earl of Carnwath sometimes spelled Dalzell or Dalziel).—*F. D.*

173. CHARLES-HOLABIRD. Wanted: Parents of Abigail Charles who m. Nov. 14, 1744 (Brimfield, Mass. records) Timothy Holabird (Hurlbut) b. 1716; d. 1810, Canaan, Ct.—*G. L. C.*

174. CHAMBERLIN-HOLLISTER. Wanted: Maiden name, parentage, date of marriage of Widow Mary Chamberlin who m. Jan. 1, 1766, at New Marlboro, Mass., Samuel Hollister. Also data on ——— Chamberlin, her first husband. Was her name Mary Keyes?—*E. A. M.*

175. FORBES. Wanted: Parentage of John Forbes, b. Oct. 18, 1790, New Haven, Conn., d. May 2, 1878, Rochester, N. Y., m. Statira Phelps, b. 1795, d. Jan. 8, 1850. Was he son of Elias, b. 1756, d. before 1801, m. Jan. 18, 1780, Hannah Gorham, who was living at Egremont, Mass., 1801? It is known that John Forbes' family were living in Egremont.—*R. S. P.*

ANSWERS

170. SHAW. Rhoda Shaw appears in the 1850 Census of Pomfret, Vt. (p. 770) as Rhoda Snow, aged 79, born in Mass., wife of Samuel P. Snow, aged 71 years, carpenter, born in Vermont.—*P. M. S.*

YATES COUNTY PIONEERS' CLUB

Many who have tried to trace ancestors in New York state, especially in central or western New York, have found it difficult, not only because old records have not been carefully kept, but also because they do not know how to obtain whatever information there *is* here. In an endeavor to meet this situation, a Yates County Pioneers' Club has been formed for the purpose of collecting data of the early families of this county, and making them available to those who are seeking them. Each club member is entitled to file his Yates County genealogical "wants," and each year ten personal searches will be made of our various records in an attempt to obtain the information desired. For instance, a search of the probate records would count as one search, of the land records as another, of a given cemetery as a third, and so on. The questions may concern one person or ten, but must cover some definite field, not a general search for a certain family requiring a genealogical search of all available records; or if a general search is desired, only *ten record sources* can be covered for one annual membership fee. However, the club is constantly endeavoring to collect private records of various families, and any information obtained in this way will be also sent to club members interested.

If members wish themselves to visit the county, they may obtain in advance information about hours when the various public places are open, suggestions as to where they might best search, and the best way to reach certain places, etc. Also if they have to wait for opening hours to see certain records, they are given a comfortable place to rest, where they may see maps and histories of the county, and various indices which will help them in their search.

The annual membership fee of two dollars is the only charge for this service, but all members must give for the files of the club all their data concerning Yates County families, with the understanding that such information is to be freely available to the other club members. The "pooling" of knowledge and resources should be of mutual benefit. The money cost of the club membership has purposely been kept as low as possible in the hope that descendants of our pioneers may work together to preserve our records, and eventually to give to our State Library a worthwhile collection of Yates County data.

Those interested should address Miss Helen Stark, 108 Stark Avenue, Penn Yan, N. Y.